

'Cleanup' campaign for UJA underway

TORONTO —

A concerted cleanup effort from now until the end of the 1976 United Jewish Appeal campaign, was announced this week by Campaign Chairman Wilfred Posluns.

On March 31, a cross-campaign blitz will take place beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Inn on the Park. The original idea for the reassignment of outstanding cards came about at a meeting of associate chairmen last week, chaired by Lionel Robins, business division co-chairman.

"We have a formidable task ahead of us," Robins told the meeting. "Although we are ahead compared with last year's figures, there are still a great many cards to be covered. We plan to consolidate the balance of the campaign and call on the 'doers', our most reliable canvassers, to pitch in and go after anybody and everybody who has not made a contribution."

These top canvassers will be asked to take outstanding cards from divisions other than their own, and follow up on those prospects still to be contacted.

Scheduled special events are a pre-Passover party for canvassers on April 12 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue and the official closing of the campaign which has been set for April 26. The latter event will be a dinner, also to be held at Beth Tzedec.

If some members of the community had difficulty getting in touch with their lawyer on the morning of March 10, chances are he was attending a UJA breakfast meeting at Sutton Place at which Attorney-General Roy McMurtry was the guest speaker.

In addition to the large turnout of lawyers, the meeting attracted chairmen, special gifts canvassers as well as UJA leadership. Introduced by special gifts chairman Lionel Schipper, McMurtry spoke of his recent visit to Israel and proclaimed himself a "Christian Zionist."

The attorney-general referred to the Jewish state as a "tiny island of democracy in a totalitarian area," whose survival and potential for humane development is essential to the world. He urged Jewish leadership to "speak out more vigorously" to the non-Jewish community.

"The Jewish community looks inward in time of trouble," he said, "and given its past history, it is understandable. But the most important story of Israel and its relation to the future of mankind should be made known to Jew and non-Jew alike."

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The chaplaincy committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress has distributed packages of shalach monas to Jewish nursing home residents, inmates of penal institutions and chronic-care hospitals and institutions as a reminder

of Purim. From left, volunteers preparing the packages are: Don Sokolski, Elka Shockett, Barry Schechter, Debbie Schechter, Barbara Sternberg and Eric Shockett. Shocketts and Schechters are brother-sister combinations.

ADL charges 200 leading banks, corporations flagrantly disregarded U.S. anti-boycott policy

NEW YORK —

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged that "more than 200 U.S. corporations and 25 major commercial banks, many in alliance with Arab American Chambers of Commerce, are waging economic war against Israel in collaboration with the Arabs."

Describing the group as "a Who's Who of American banking and industry," the League said "they are in flagrant disregard of U.S. anti-boycott policy, with the banks also flouting Federal Reserve Board warnings against participation in the boycott."

At a news conference at ADL's national headquarters

here, Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the League, said that "reliance on voluntary compliance with current U.S. policy has failed and therefore new, strong legislation which bans American participation in the Arab boycott is essential."

Without such legislation, he said, the banks cited act as agents of the Arabs by demanding proof of boycott compliance from American exporters; the corporations cited either submit evidence of boycott compliance or are an integral part of Arab American Chambers of Commerce which regularly validate boycott documents for the Arabs.

Among the banks named

by the League as processing boycott-tainted letters of credit are six of the nation's largest financial institutions — Bankers Trust, Chase Manhattan, Chemical Bank, First National City and Morgan Guaranty Trust Company, all of New York, and the Bank of America, San Francisco. The other banks named are located in cities throughout the country.

Eighteen firms cited for submitting to Arab restrictions include: Aramco, Bausch & Lomb, Flintkote, General Mills, Ingersoll-Rand, Pillsbury and Rubatex.

Some 200 corporations named by the League as participants in the Arab American Chambers include

such major oil companies as American Independent, Amoco International, Aramco, Continental, Exxon, Gulf and Occidental, and such other companies as Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc., Uncle Ben's Rice, and Bechtel Corp. (Bechtel was sued by the Justice Department on Jan. 16, 1976 for anti-trust violations re-boycott.)

The League charges were based on the findings of a national field investigation conducted under the direction of Benjamin R. Epstein, the League's national director, and Arnold Forster, general counsel.

Epstein and Forster said that when an American

company enters into a sales agreement with the Arabs, the pattern of boycott operations in the U.S. is usually as follows:

— The banks, in processing letters of credit, require submission of boycott compliance documents as a condition of payment.

— The firms agree to anti-Israel boycott restrictions by signing the compliance documents as a condition of trading with the Arabs. The restrictions prohibit trading with Arab blacklisted companies, prohibit utilizing blacklisted ships and insurers, and prohibit using products of Israeli origin. In isolated cases, some firms sell to Israel even while complying with these specific restrictions.

— Arab American Chambers of Commerce (or Arab consulates) "legalize" (validate) the boycott documents mandated by Arab states so that the American firm can be paid by the involved banks.

— The corporations cited participate in the boycott-processing activities of the Arab American Chambers through their memberships in them and through their executives who sit as directors of the chambers.

Graubard made clear that ADL is not objecting to the bonafide promotion of trade activities of Arab American Chambers of Commerce.

"These," he said, "are helpful to the American economy. What we do seriously question is the propriety of Arab American Chambers serving as Arab

Minister ill-at-ease with UN abstentions CIC director reports

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA —

External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen met with a Canada-Israel Committee delegation here last week and, in a broad-ranging discussion, conveyed his concern over public and media reaction to Canada's abstentions on a series of UN resolutions.

CIC National Director Myer Bick, in assessing the minister's response to a CIC brief which led off with the issue of Canada's voting record at the UN, described MacEachen as "uncomfortable with the posture of abstaining. He recognizes that our community is distressed by the government position on many resolutions."

During the course of the 1 1/2-hour meeting, the committee members took exception to Canada's voting pattern, singling out its latest abstention on a Feb. 13 United Nations Human Rights Commission resolution in Geneva accusing Israel of committing war crimes in the occupied Arab territories.

Earlier this month, The Canadian Jewish News reported MacEachen as suggesting to a Toronto audience that Canada may have erred when she abstained on the Feb. 13 resolution. The Globe and Mail was one newspaper quick to criticize the move as "another obnoxious example of what occurs when good old Canadian compromise is taken to an extreme."

The CIC brief to the minister suggested the tactic of abstention was not a proper approach in light of Canada's commitment to the UN as an important tenet of her foreign policy, and urged the government to oppose resolutions whose negative elements outweigh its positive features.

"I went away from the meeting feeling he will think about it," commented Bick. "I won't say they will vote 'no' the next time, but they will think about it."

Remarked B'nai B'rith District 22's Director Herb Levy: "While we do not agree with the abstention policy, we were encouraged by the fact the minister was sensitive to some of the criticism... We had the feeling there was a kind of reciprocal understanding."

Both delegates noted the Ottawa meeting did not spur any surprising or noteworthy reaction from the minister. On most issues he did not articulate the government rationale nor offer specific explanations of his ministry's behavior. "The government's position is clear; we know what it is," said Bick.

The outcome of such dialogue, Levy told The CJN, "is to establish a good, sound, continuing relationship where the external affairs minister is aware of a cross-section of Canadian Jewish opinion... We went as Canadians, per se, not just as Canadian Jews."

Also on the CIC agenda was a review of the committee's stance on the issues of the Arab boycott and the admission of members of the PLO into Canada on ministerial permits.

The CIC delegation pointed out to MacEachen that the government indicated it would review the question of the Arab economic boycott over 11 months ago and has still to draft comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of Canadian citizens.

The committee's brief drew to the attention of the minister three examples of Canadian-based firms asked to comply to the Arabs' trade restrictions: Logix Enterprises, a Montreal toy firm; Comstock International Ltd., whose American subsidiary is being investigated under U.S. anti-boycott regulations and Bechtel, whose parent firm in the U.S. has been sued by the Department of Commerce.

The CIC urged the government to make public any companies agreeing to the Arab boycott requests and to put into legislation a reporting mechanism to single out those corporations which comply.

Bick announced the CIC would undertake an intensive national investigation, with the help of staff and volunteers, to assess the effects of the boycott and to reveal its findings at its national meeting in Ottawa next month.

The study would be presented to relevant government agencies including, possibly, the Export Development Corporation, the Ministry of Trade and Commerce and the Foreign Investment Review Board.

On the issue of PLO immigration rights, the delegation reaffirmed its position that no philosophical or

Cites failures in propaganda

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Max Goody, deputy president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, has accused the Canada-Israel Committee of failing to counteract Arab propaganda in this country.

In an address at Beth Tikvah Synagogue here, Goody told about 50 persons that the Jewish community has never been as disorganized as it is today in fighting increasingly sophisticated Arab propaganda.

Exempting local leadership from his criticism, Goody asserted the Arabs were doing a far better job than Canadian Jews or Israelis in marshalling public opinion.

The CIC is sponsored by B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation. A body with regional offices in



Max Goody

Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, CIC presents Israel's case to government, press and academia. Its national director is Myer Bick, who operates out of Montreal.

Goody, warning that Arab propaganda has already had a marked impact on Cana-

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Briton is appointed to CIC media post

TORONTO —

The Canada-Israel Committee has again gone outside Canada to obtain manpower — this time to acquire a 26-year-old Englishman, Nick Simmonds, to be the national director of communications. Efforts to obtain Canadians with the necessary qualifications were unsuccessful.

Last year, the CIC announced the appointments of Lawrence Grossman of California as director of research and Howard Stanislawski, a Montreal native, who received his higher education in the U.S., as director of the Ottawa office.

Simmonds, who will act as CIC Central Region director, arrived here two weeks ago to take up his position and officially open the office some nine months after it had originally been scheduled to open.

The CIC had announced early last year the Ottawa and Toronto offices were to open last May, but both openings had to be postponed due to unexpected personnel problems. The first two appointments were announced last August.

Formerly executive-director of foreign affairs at the British Board of Deputies, London-born Simmonds will be responsible for presenting Israel's case to the Canadian media. Holder of degrees in international relations from Hebrew University and the University of Sussex, Simmonds says he hopes to establish close contacts with Jewish leaders across the country.

He is married to a New York City girl whom he met and married in Israel in 1972. He speaks two foreign languages, Hebrew and German.

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Danson discusses Habitat with Israelis

JERUSALEM —

Canadian Urban Affairs Minister Barnett Danson met with Interior Ministry officials last week to discuss Israel's participation in the UN Habitat Conference to be held in Vancouver this summer.

In a reference to the presence of the PLO at the conference, he said he would do all in his power to prevent political issues from intruding into the conference.

Later that day, Danson flew by helicopter to Haifa, where he lectured on the role of national urban planning at the Technion's Centre for Urban and Regional Studies. "You have demonstrated to all of us," he said "that



Barney Danson in Israel

under the most difficult conditions national and local planning policies can be

highly effective. You have planned by necessity, but also because you have had the foresight and the will. We are anxious to know more about your land use planning, your use of solar energy and destination. The decentralization, historical restoration and new communities' experience of Israel can be of particular value to my country and others."

Danson, who is the only Jewish member of the Canadian cabinet, was warmly welcomed by Dr. Yosef Burg, the Israeli interior minister, when he arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport. Hearing Dr. Burg's greeting in Hebrew, Danson was overcome by emotion,

and it was some moments before he could reply.

Danson, making his first trip to Israel in five years, arrived Friday morning and departed four days later. He met with the minister of housing, in addition to Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Discussed were a wide variety of issues, he reported, but the brunt of the talks revolved around Habitat.

In a telephone interview from Ottawa, he revealed the "most impressive" part of his trip occurred in the Lachish region north of Beersheba — an area which the Israelis transformed from a wilderness into a flourish-

ing agricultural centre. Danson said he was especially interested in the successful integration of Sephardic Jewish immigrants, from as far away as the Atlas Mountains and Cochín, India, into the mainstream of Israeli society.

He noted that his Israel visit was the last of a seven-nation trip he made to assure "relevance, credibility and effectiveness" of the conference.

The minister also visited Italy, France, Senegal, Kenya, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. He was due in Nigeria as well but the unstable political situation in that country precluded a trip to Lagos.

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ISRAEL WRACKED BY ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON LIBERALIZED ABORTION LAW

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT, Israel —

"There is not a single pregnancy which could not be terminated under one section or another of this bill," said MK Geula Cohen in the course of the recent impassioned Knesset debate on a proposal to liberalize Israel's 1936 abortion law, which makes abortion illegal except when the mother's health is threatened.

In all probability,



Nechemia Meyers

Ms. Cohen is right, as this new legislation, which passed its first reading by a vote of 46 to 27, permits abortions for a large number of vaguely defined medical, social and economic reasons, including "family circumstances."

It is true that the woman who wants an abortion will have to obtain the approval of a committee made up of a doctor and either a public health nurse or a social worker. However, since she is entitled to choose the members of this committee, as well as the members of an appeals committee if one is required, she is likely to get the decision she desires.

Arguments put forward by proponents of this bill are familiar ones. They point out

that an estimated 50,000 illegal abortions a year are performed anyway, adding that to make such operations legal would simply ensure that all of them were carried out in well-equipped hospitals rather than in unsanitary back rooms (as is often the case at present). The only losers would be the doctors and amateur doctors who earn \$10 million a year in undeclared income from doing these abortions.

A few Knesset members, led by American-immigrant Marcia Friedman, would go even further, allowing women, who should be "masters of their own bodies," to have undesired pregnancies terminated on demand. But most parliamentarians and ordinary citizens think

there should be some restraints to prevent a woman from deciding on an abortion, in the words of author Yael Dayan, "as offhandedly as she decides on exchanging damaged goods at a supermarket."

Opponents of the new legislation, many but not all of them Orthodox Jews, characterize it as "public suicide" for Israel at a time when immigration is down and emigration is increasing. Drawing on biblical references, MK Kalman Kahana, an ordained rabbi, says it is more extreme than Pharaoh's edict calling for Jewish babies to be drowned, as that measure was directed only against males.

Another religious Knesset member, Dr. Zeran Warhaftig, warns of the effect on

domestic relations if easier abortions make it possible "for a husband to come home and suddenly find his wife is no longer pregnant."

One indirect result of a liberalized abortion law would probably be a change in the army's attitude towards unmarried girl soldiers who become pregnant. Despite an extensive sex education program, this does happen, in which case the girl (as soon as her pregnancy becomes known) is immediately discharged.

Even if she should have an abortion she is not allowed to re-enter the armed forces because, as a military doctor recently put it, "the army cannot acquiesce in violations of the law. If, however, the law is

changed, its policy would be reconsidered."

Already an "endangered species" because of the Hitlerian Holocaust, rapid assimilation and a low birthrate, Jews have reason to fear the demographic consequences of free abortions in the Jewish state. But, as Yael Dayan sees it, "Israeli mothers will not have more children simply because abortions are illegal, expensive or dangerous." The birthrate will increase she adds, only to the extent that young women are convinced that large families will give them satisfaction and pleasure and that they will receive more significant assistance from society as a whole in raising these families.

World News

Golda Meir's return to active Labor Party politics poses threat to Rabin's shaky power base, say observers

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Many political observers and a large section of the news media are expressing serious doubts over whether former premier Golda Meir's inclusion in the Labor Party's new leadership

forum can rescue the floundering party from the ideological storms and financial ills that threaten to rend it asunder. Some sources are suggesting that Mrs. Meir's return to an active role in Labor Party politics for

the first time since she retired from the premiership in 1974 poses a distinct threat to Premier Yitzhak Rabin's shaky power base. These sources contend that Rabin, though nominal head of the party, has

never succeeded in getting a grip on its leadership. The former premier, who is now 77, agreed during a private meeting with Rabin and other ministers and Labor Party leaders at her Tel Aviv

home last week to participate in the leadership forum. That body, which includes representatives of the three old factions that comprise Labor—Mapai, Achdut Avoda and Rafi—will hopefully serve as a binding force, resolve intra-party disputes, set policy and restore confidence in Israel's governing party.

Mrs. Meir is still immensely popular with many Israelis, and, having been in retirement for two years, represents a new face. But some Laborites have expressed astonishment that the leadership forum was established with the conspicuous absence of former foreign minister Abba Eban and former defence minister Moshe Dayan.

Others say, however, that with Meir "back in action" the party can hope for new life. "The party needs a leader, there is no doubt about that, and it will not be hard for Golda to fit into this role," one source observed. The question posed by many is whether this will be at the expense of Rabin and whether it presages the party's shift away from the "doveish" tendencies of the Rabin government toward the hard line in foreign policy that Mrs. Meir personified during her tenure in office—some say intractably.

The newspaper Haaretz quoted an unnamed "top Labor Party leader" as saying that Meir's comeback "is a hard blow to the prime minister." Daniel Bloch, political correspondent of the Histadrut newspaper Davar, wondered whether there

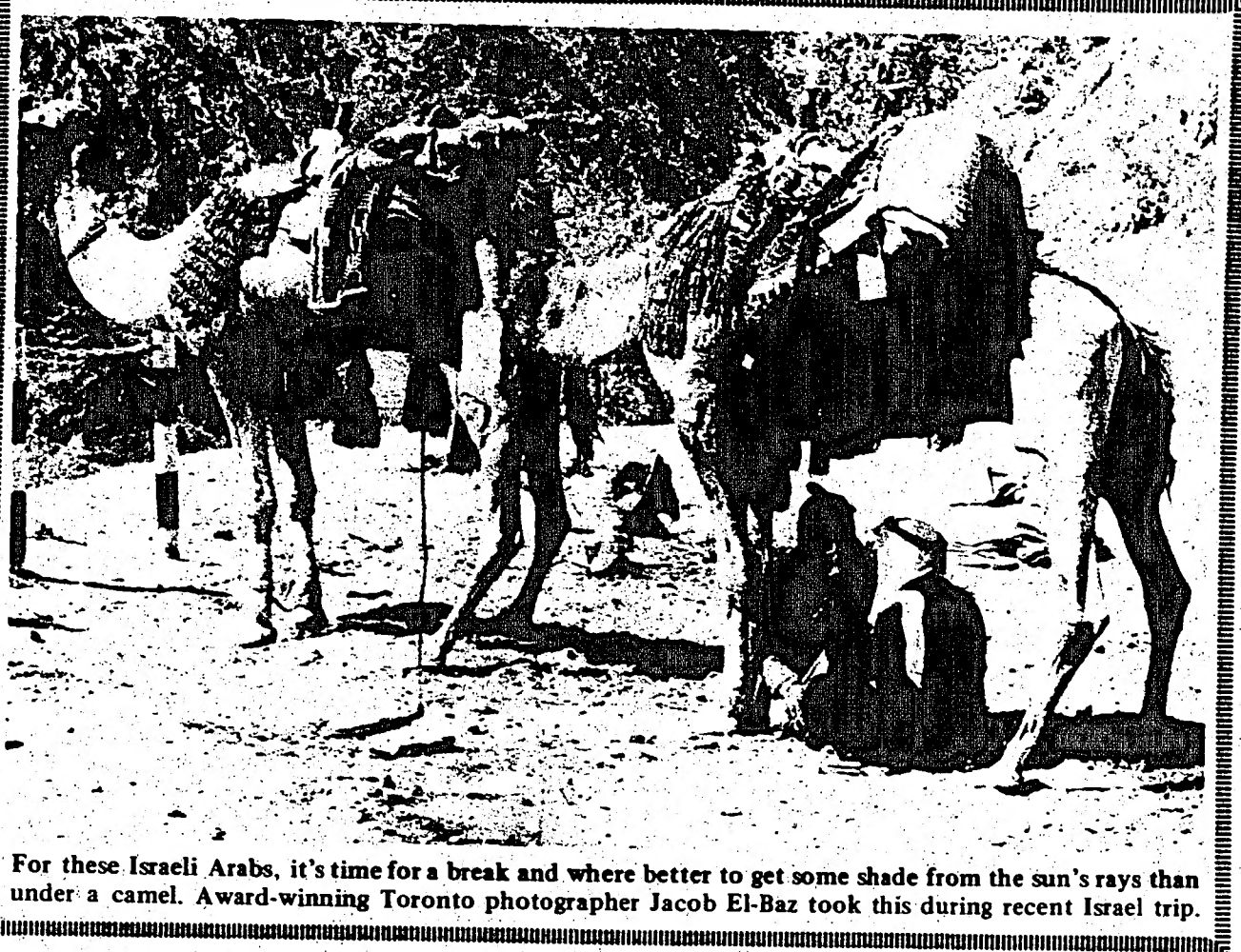
was no possibility for the Labor Party to revive itself without summoning one of its oldest hands out of retirement. "It is something like calling back an old nanny to educate the children who never got used to the young teacher," Bloch wrote. The feeling inside and out of the Labor Party seems to be that the creation of the leadership forum is a temporary measure from which Rabin hopes to gain time to confront the crucial issues that threaten the party and his government. Critics maintain it is a palliative which, even with Mrs. Meir's presence, will have less political clout than the former premier's famous "kitchen cabinet."

Many observers view the latest development as symptomatic of the leadership vacuum which must be filled—not by Mrs. Meir, if only because of her advanced age—but by someone other than Rabin.

In that connection, many political pundits are beginning to look with interest at Justice Minister Haim Zadok who appears to be rapidly making himself an indispensable figure in the Rabin cabinet. Zadok, a 63-year-old lawyer, was included in the new leadership forum. His name is being mentioned increasingly as a possible successor to Rabin, primarily because the man regarded as Rabin's chief rival, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, is too controversial within the party for the top leadership position.

Zadok is not unaware of the talk. With consum-

mate skill, however, he has been careful to maintain a low profile at this stage and to do nothing which could be construed as a challenge to Rabin. In policy matters, such as the bitter debate over the government's assent to explore non-belligerency as a Middle East diplomatic goal, Zadok has lined up squarely with the premier and has proven to be an eloquent spokesman for his policies. But political observers say the astute Zadok is bidding his time and will advance his candidacy for party and national leadership when the time seems most propitious.



For these Israeli Arabs, it's time for a break and where better to get some shade from the sun's rays than under a camel. Award-winning Toronto photographer Jacob El-Baz took this during recent Israel trip.

ADL opposes ex-Nazi's nomination

NEW YORK, N.Y.—

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has revealed that unless another candidate is nominated by April 16, the next president of Rotary International will be a former Nazi storm-trooper.

According to Lawrence Peirez, chairman of the League's civil rights committee, Austrian industrialist Wolfgang Wick had withdrawn his name for nomination "for personal reasons" following worldwide protests from ADL and others.

The Rotary's nominating committee, however, renominated Wick at a special meeting on Feb. 16. Peirez said Wick joined the Nazi party in Austria in 1933, was a key figure for Nazi industry in Austria during World War II, and had served in Hitler's notorious SS.

The League, which confirmed its information on Wick with Simon Wiesenthal head of the Jewish Documentation Centre for Nazi War Crimes in Vienna, discussed the matter with

the secretary general of Rotary International in Evanston, Ill.

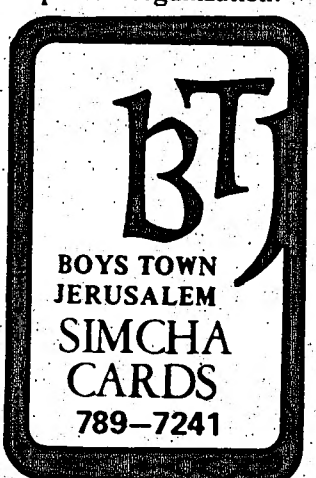
"We were told," Peirez said, "that the organization has no provisions for investigating people, but was aware of the allegations against Wick through protests from Dutch Rotarians."

The secretary general explained the Rotary procedure—notice of the nomination is sent to the more than 16,000 clubs around the world with each having an opportunity to present its own nominee. If no other

candidate is put forward, Wick will be declared president. But if there are other candidates for the post, an election will be held at the Rotary convention coming up this summer in New Orleans.

"We certainly hope there will be other candidates," Peirez said.

He added: "It is difficult to understand the nomination of such a person, but it would be even more difficult to understand if Wolfgang Wick does indeed become president of this highly respected organization."



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Permit trial charter flights

JERUSALEM (JCN)—

The special Hecht Committee appointed by the Israel government to inquire into the possibility of charter flights into Israel, has recommended that such flights, for a trial period, should be permitted from West Germany, Canada and the west coast of the United States.

The committee has recommended that to

encourage tourism to Israel, the present policy, which allows El Al to enjoy a virtual monopoly, should be changed. The committee also recommends that the present charter flights from Scandinavia to Eilat should be continued. Hoteliers there report increased business.

In February, the Israeli cabinet deferred a decision on whether charter

flights should be allowed, so that the committee could submit its recommendations.

The committee has also recommended that Israel's aviation and tourist development should be supervised by a joint committee comprised of representatives of the tourism and transport ministries, which are at present in conflict over charter flights.

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Sir Marcus sparks interest in Israel's industry

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Sir Marcus Sieff, president of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, told delegates attending the biannual luncheon of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry that their business activities with Israel are essential to the nation's survival.

More than 300 leading businessmen from across Canada registered for the meeting at the Chateau Champlain Hotel, all with the common purpose of continuing, or commencing, business connections with Israel.

Foreign capital in Israel will assure employment

for tens of thousands of Israelis, said Sir Marcus who has been chairman of Marks & Spencer of Great Britain since 1972. Otherwise the "dangerous balance" that now exists between immigration and emigration may tilt in favor of the latter if not enough work is available.

Sir Marcus has undertaken to bring Israel's potential as an important source of supply to the attention of large corporations in Britain, and more recently, the United States with an encouraging degree of success.

"If successful, it will build a firmer industrial base in Israel and give work to many. In the past three months it has only been a trickle of interest

but in two or three years we hope it will be a flood. The reduction in red tape has been astounding in such a short time."

Marks & Spencer, a textile, clothing and processed-food retail operation, has had branches in Israel for the past 25 years. "There's no reason other companies shouldn't do the same," he said, noting as well that his company supplied products that Israel is fairly self-sufficient in, but still prospered.

"Dealing with Israel makes good business for both sides; it's mutually profitable. Machinery built in Israel is among the best in the world — also in the field of electronics, solar energy

and metal industry. They're based on advanced technology. The Israel textile industry is first class and compares with anything in Europe."

Another encouraging note for the future stability of the country's economic situation is the co-operation that exists between Jewish and Arab Israelis in the factories, Sir Marcus said.

This year Britain will do \$500 million in trade with Israel making it, per capita, its second largest customer. He pointed out that trade with Israel will help not only in the business sense but also in the preservation of the only "democracy" that exists in the area. "In a time when the western democracies are seeking leadership in the face of the growing threat from the non-democracies, it is important that another small bastion should not fail."

He warned that the UN resolution on Zionism would permit the practice of anti-Semitism which is one method of destroying democracy.

"The recent arrangements with Egypt are only a tiny light at the end of the tunnel. Israel's defence program and struggle against political aggression need great amounts of money, or its future is in jeopardy. Many of Israel's major customers have suffered from recession and the country is overburdened by bureaucracy and taxation."

President of the Chamber, Ray Wolfe, said the "miracle of Israel" was not only that it had built an economic infrastructure and apparatus providing food, shelter and clothing but that it had also built up an exporting trade of some significance.

"Not enough have heard the success story... failures are not endemic to the land."

Also at the head table were Arad, P. Aran consul-general of Israel (standing in for Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Shalev who was ill); Jacques E. Courtois, vice-president, Bank of Nova Scotia and director of the chamber; Aran Kahana, executive vice-president, Israel Discount Bank, New York; J.M. Douglas, president, Babcock & Wilcox (Canada) Ltd. and vice-president of the chamber;

Harold Greenberg, president, Astral Bellevue Pathe, and vice-president of the chamber; Melvin Dobrin, president, Steinberg's Ltd.; Charles

Bronfman, chairman of the board, Seagram Company Ltd. and vice-president of the chamber; Dr. Joseph Kates, chairman of the Science Council of

Canada and director of the chamber; Rubin Zimmerman, president, Zimcor Ltd., chairman of Israel Bonds in Quebec, and director of the cham-

ber; Ephraim Raviv, Israel trade commissioner to Canada; and Josef Vardi, director, North America, Israel Investment Authority.



Sir Marcus Sieff — head of Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (Howard Kay photograph)

Kosher food establishments

Mashgiach not responsible for hygiene

By Sheldon Kirshner Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

A random poll of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis indicates that a mashgiach is not responsible for the hygiene or cleanliness of a kosher food and meat establishment. The rabbis contend his job is to enforce kashruth.

The survey was undertaken to test the thesis that kashruth and cleanliness, while inter-related, are two independent concepts.

The question arose following the disclosure that two North York kosher meat and food shops had been charged by the borough for storing meat at unsafe temperatures.

The stores, Perl's Meats and Delicatessen Products (3013 Bathurst) and Stroli's Strictly Kosher Food Products (3459 Bathurst), are listed in the 1975-76 Kashruth Directory issued by Toronto's Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, a division of the Toronto Jewish Congress. Perl's was fined \$500 and the charge against Stroli's was set down for hearing on April 12.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of the Vaad, argued in an interview that the Vaad is responsible for kashruth rather than hygiene. He stressed, however, that he is just as concerned about cleanliness.

He explained the function of the Vaad is to look after kashruth, and in this regard neither Perl's nor Stroli's had violated ritual law. Rabbi Felder, one of the acknowledged authorities in the observance of Halacha, noted it was not incumbent on the mashgiach to be familiar with the bylaws of the Public Health Act. Municipal health inspectors enforced the laws of hygiene, he asserted.

"We have to look after kashruth and the health department looks after other things," he said. "One doesn't have to do with the other."

Asked whether similar charges might in the future be pressed against shops selling kosher food products and/or meats, Rabbi Felder said: "I don't know if it can happen. We don't want these things to happen."

Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, of the Conservative B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation, affirmed that kashruth "doesn't stand or fall with cleanliness." But in order for kashruth "to exist in our modern world, it should be bound up with the highest standards of cleanliness." Rabbi Pappenheim observed the basic laws of kashruth were independent of rational reasoning.

Meir Gottesman, associate rabbi at Beth Shalom, a Conservative congregation, said a product can be kosher without being clean. "It may not be aesthetically nice but it's kosher," he explained. "If a kosher piece of meat falls on the floor, it doesn't make it traife," he added. He concurred with Rabbi Felder's interpretation that kashruth and cleanliness are "two

different responsibilities.

Mordechai Ochs, rabbi at the Orthodox Torah Emeth Centre, said a mashgiach is appointed to implement specific kashruth regulations. Cleanliness comes under the purview of government, he asserted.

The rabbi at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, Meyer Berglas, said kashruth is a divine commandment, not a city bylaw. He

expressed the hope that a product under the supervision of the Vaad would also meet the strict requirements of the health department.

Rabbi Michael Stroth, of the Reform Temple Har Zion, voiced the opinion that kashruth was not a system of hygienic regulations but a system of ritual regulations. A mashgiach, he said, "has no obligation to be aware of hygiene outside of

kashruth itself."

According to an official at North York's Bylaw Enforcement Department, additional charges were withdrawn following Perl's compliance with the Public Health Act.

Rabbi Felder revealed Perl had invested in excess of \$3,000 to install refrigeration equipment.

Stroli's lawyer, Ross Hitch, said his client "has

complied and is complying" with the Public Health Act. He said Stroli has installed a new warming machine worth over \$10,000. "Stroli doesn't want to violate the Public Health Act," he stated.

Hitch said that, in view of Stroli's apparent compliance with the Public Health Act, he hoped North York would drop the charge.



Simcha Dinitz, Israel ambassador to the U.S.

Dinitz to address Toronto audience

TORONTO —

The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has scored a real coup for its upcoming annual dinner on April 8. Simcha Dinitz, Israel's ambassador to the United States, considered by many to be closest to the facts and trends of the critically important relationship between Washington and Jerusalem, will be the guest speaker.

Prior to his appointment as ambassador to the United States, Dinitz was the political advisor to the prime minister and director general of the prime minister's office.

The Ben-Gurion dinner at which the ambassador will speak will be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue here, April 8. Tickets are available by calling 364-5171.

Civil rights leader to deliver lecture

TORONTO —

Bayard Rustin, a prominent U.S. civil rights leader for over three decades, will deliver a lecture on Judaism and Black Liberation to a Toronto audience this month.

The address is scheduled to take place Tuesday, March 30, 8 p.m., at the Ontario College of Education, 371 Bloor St. W.

Rustin is currently chairman of the executive committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and was instrumental in forming a new organization — BASIC — Black Americans to Support Israel Committee, following the UN anti-Zionism resolution.

The 66-year-old Ameri-

can, a close associate of Martin Luther King, played a leading role in organizing the series of

historical civil rights marches, including the 1947 "Freedom Ride", the 1957 "Prayer Pilgrim-

age", the 1963 Washington march and the 1968 march following Dr. King's assassination.

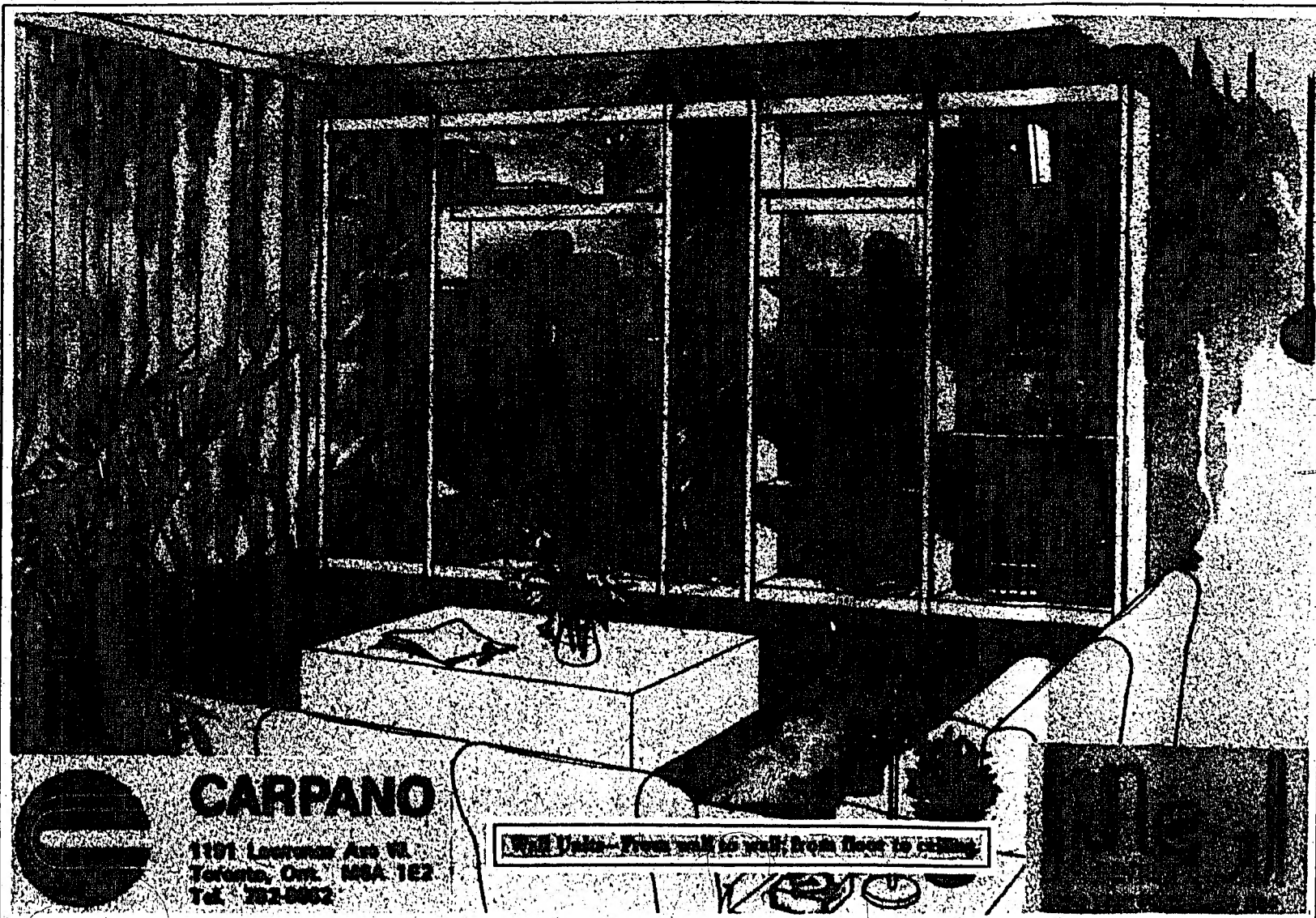
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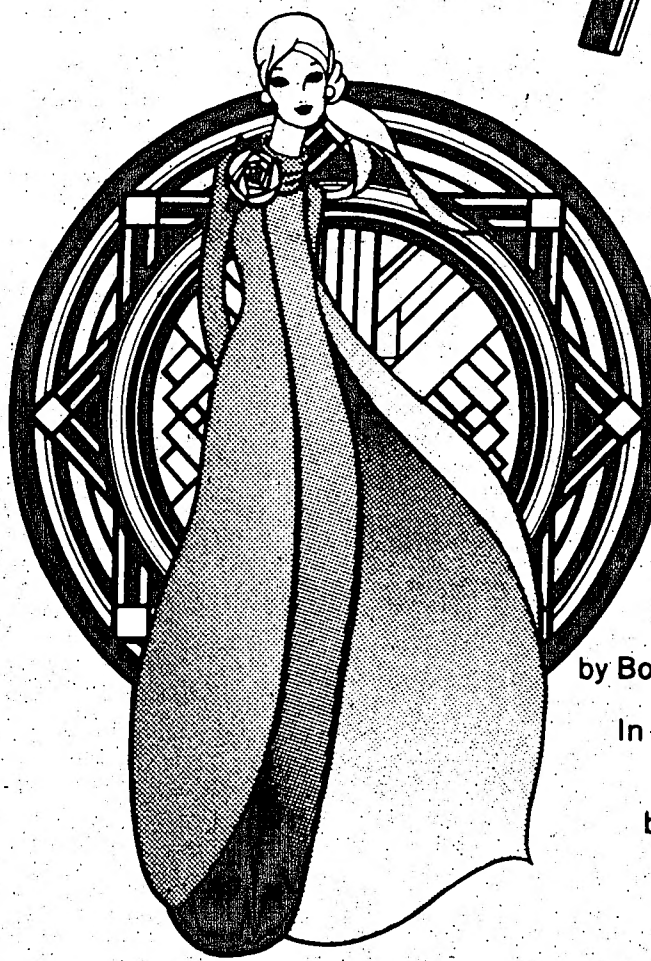
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Institution has no fat to trim Efficiently-run Baycrest Hospital should have been spared cutback

When Ontario Health Minister Frank S. Miller's secret dispatches arrived on the desks of hospital administrators recently, one institution which felt the pinch of budget restraints was Baycrest Hospital — the very facility touted by Mr. Miller's predecessors as a blue-ribbon establishment of efficiency, a bulwark in the sorrowfully neglected field of geriatric medical care.

Ostensibly, the government's belt-tightening measures, to the tune of \$40 million, were aimed at trimming the fat from under-used, over-funded, over-staffed and poorly-managed facilities as part of an assault against the international villain — inflation.

Yet, Baycrest's record should have appealed to the omniscient computer tabulating the pseudo-mathematical facts; its cost per treatment and length of stay, for the 502 patients admitted last year, fall below the provincial average. And on the subjective side, its medical care is of a consistently high quality, its social service backup superior and its continuity of care, offered to residents of its sister home for the aged, an invaluable asset.

More shame to the government wizards for hitting an established, reputable chronic care facility with a two-month waiting list, while the clamor call of improved health care for the aged still reverberates in the corridors of Queen's Park, as well as in every community social service agency in this city. Why penalize an institution which has the very characteristics the ministry commends?

Some may say the \$147,178 or 3.7% cutback assessed for Baycrest is not a substantial sacrifice. And admittedly, many hospital administrators, still licking their wounds after the closures and cost cuts, will be lining up before Mr. Miller's door armed with ammunition for appeals. But, as the Hospital Council for Metropolitan Toronto reports, hospitals will require between 15 and 18% more in 1976 just to operate at the same level of service they provided in 1975.

Appointment of Scranton to UN symbolic of U.S. evenhandedness

William Scranton has succeeded Daniel Patrick Moynihan as the next American ambassador to the United Nations. The appointment is symbolic of the direction in which Washington's Middle East policy is currently heading.

Mr. Scranton, a former presidential aspirant and governor of Pennsylvania, was asked by President Nixon in 1968 to undertake a tour of Middle Eastern nations. Upon his arrival in Israel, he remarked that the U.S. ought to adopt a "more evenhanded" policy in the Mideast and "not necessarily espouse one nation over some other." The statement embarrassed Richard Nixon and he dissociated himself from it.

But Mr. Scranton was not chastened, and a week later he went even further: "We are interested in Israel and its security, and we should be. But it is important to point out to the Middle East and to the people around the world that we are interested in other countries in the area and have friends among them."

Eight years ago, given Washington's unusually close relationship with Israel and her concomitant estrangement from much of the Arab world, William Scranton's warning made headlines and caused much consternation in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world. He created the impression that Washington was on the

verge of changing its traditional pro-Israel policy. In retrospect, there was not really any basis for such a perception given the strained nature of Arab-American ties. It would take another Middle East war for America to reassess her position.

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The way a community cares for its elderly is a reflection of its worth. For, if our elderly cannot command our attention, concern and financial support — that generation which would ensure our security and unselfishly to ensure our security — then who can? We cannot afford to be complacent; for it is our personal future we are mapping.

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Golda Meir is welcomed back into Israeli pressure-cooker politics

Israel's best known grandmother is coming back into the spotlight. When Golda Meir gave up the premiership and retired from public life some two years ago, her departure marked the end of a colorful era and her leaving removed the "hamish" touch associated with her regime.

Watching from the sidelines, Mrs. Meir has seen the gradual deterioration in Israel's financial and ideological affairs and it saddened her to the point where she did not hesitate when Prime Minister Rabin urged her to re-enter public life. She will be a member of a new Labor Party leadership forum which will attempt to come to grips with the grave internal problems besetting the country.

Two years out of office have not dimmed Mrs. Meir's popularity in Israel. She is extremely popular with Israelis in and out of the Labor Party ranks and her return to

an active role will be welcomed by most of the population.

Golda Meir's retirement was well earned and at the time there was no thought in her mind of ever returning to public life. She had borne the heavy burden of government leadership in some of the most crisis-filled times in Israel's turbulent history, and now it was time to say good-bye and let another take command. That was two years ago, and Golda Meir dropped out of sight to take up residence in Tel Aviv and become re-acquainted with her grandchildren.

But when the call came from a deputization of Labor Party leaders, she listened quietly to their urgings to return, and then gave the answer that will once more plunge her into the pressure cooker of political life.

It seems grandma Golda is about to write another chapter to her lifetime love affair with Israel. Welcome back, Golda.

Did Allan MacEachen draw proper conclusions?

By A.J. ARNOLD
(Second of two parts)

Arab leaders, from Egyptian President Sadat to Iraq's foreign minister were really trying to pull the wool over the eyes of Canada's external affairs minister and the journalists who accompanied him on his recent Mideast tour.

Sadat said: "Canadian recognition of the PLO would help the peace process." Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said such recognition would help "towards bringing the whole issue into context." And the Jordanian prime minister apparently wondered why Canada would worry about such a "small point" as who represents the Palestinians.

When one takes the "peace process," however, and places it into context with the PLO covenant it can hardly be described as a "small point."

It is necessary to recall that the Palestine National Covenant declares that only Jews living permanently in Palestine before "the Zionist invasion" will be considered Palestinians. And there is a further resolution of the Palestine National Council that the so-called "invasion of Palestine (began) in 1917," the date of the Balfour Declaration, which led to the British Mandate over Palestine. The PLO covenant also describes that "the partition of Palestine in 1947 and the establishment of Israel is fundamentally null and void."

The trustworthiness of the PLO need not be judged by its actions toward Israel but by its actions toward the other Arab states. Article 27 of the covenant states that the PLO will "co-operate with all Arab states... (and)...will not interfere in the internal affairs of any Arab state."

Should there be any questions about Lebanon, the PLO can justify its action there on the basis of the same article of the covenant which also speaks of "neutrality in mutual relations...on the basis of the requirements of the battle of Liberation..."

In spite of everything that the PLO really stands for, this writer believes that Israel should not absent itself from any international meetings to which the PLO is invited and where the Middle East situation is discussed. Israel and her friends should continue to make clear the reasons for refusing to recognize the PLO under present circumstances.

As for Canada and the new initiatives promised some time ago by MacEachen, it is hoped that our external affairs minister drew the proper conclusions from his recent Middle East tour.

I recently had the opportunity to chat with Herb Gray, the Windsor MP and former cabinet minister. He expressed the view that "if Canada has any impact in world affairs" it should not give in to "the less defensible part of world public opinion" on the Middle East situation but "should use its influence to try and get the PLO to become a very different type of body — one that accepts Israel and does not support, condone or take part in terrorism."

Gray also expressed the view that the PLO covenant, "their own basic constitutional document...makes anybody affiliated with the PLO inadmissible to Canada under Canadian law."

This contention may be tested by recalling the visit to Canada last fall of Shafik Al-Hout, the vice-chairman of the PLO delegation to the UN who has also headed the Beirut office of the PLO. In the course of rejecting the charge of terrorism against his organization and advancing the claim about being "freedom fighters," Al-Hout gave assurances that "...nothing will happen to your Olympics...at the hands of the PLO." He promised that there would be no attack on the Montreal games because the attack on the Israeli athletes at Munich hurt the image of the PLO and the organization was trying to correct that. At the time of the Munich attack his attitude was different from what it is today. In October, 1972, Al-Hout told the Times of London, from his office in Beirut:

Letters to the Editor

Intermarriage article offends

Dear Editor:

I write in regard to your article, "Rabbi performs mixed marriages." Surely an article like this about a man whose actions and boasts are so harmful to the Jewish people, has no place in The Canadian Jewish News. It would certainly be a better use of space to strengthen Jewish identity, Jewish education and Jewish vitality rather than print such negative article as this.

Chaim Leizerovitch,
Willowdale.

Dear Editor:

I would like to voice an objection to the heading of an article in the Feb. 13 issue of a CJN, which read: "Orthodox Unresponsive To Needs Of Youth."

This heading is totally inconsistent with the intention of the article. Dr. Levine's survey showed that out of 106 students attracted to Hare Krishna and similar cults, only two were from what he called Orthodox homes. Furthermore, the article says, and I quote, "The followers were impressed with the structure, rigid rituals, authoritarianism and hierarchy characteristic of the (Hare Krishna) groups." This means to say that the students were attracted to the cults due to the lack of the aforementioned qualities in their upbringing.

Surely no one can claim that strict adherence to the principles and precepts of Orthodox Jewish life will leave anyone with a lack of structure and authority.

Shira M. Botnick,
Toronto.

External affairs minister's Mideast tour

"We have to shock the west out of its guilty conscience about the Jews and into recognizing the plight of the Palestinian people. That is why Lydda (the Israel airport attack) and Munich were such tactical successes. They showed we were prepared to die for our case."

Comparing Al-Hout's 1972 statement in Beirut with his 1975 comments in Canada, it is really possible to suggest that he has renounced terrorism?

Of course the word terrorism does not appear in the PLO covenant. It does state

however that "fedayeen action forms the nucleus of the popular Palestine war of liberation." Fedayeen is the Arab term for suicide squads or commandos.

By all definitions "fedayeen action" must surely be read as terrorism, unless and until there is an explicit renunciation of fedayeen tactics followed by a complete halt of such acts against all groups including Israelis.

In the absence of an official renunciation the way to test the admissibility of any PLO representative to Canada is to ask them

whether they subscribe to "fedayeen action."

Conceivably there might be individual exceptions to this view because it is hard to imagine every Arab accepts the PLO charter. In the final analysis, the Arabs are surely not more monolithic than Israelis or Jews. The PLO appears, however, to be making continued progress in developing a monolithic anti-Israel front which, if it were to succeed in its purpose, would then undoubtedly begin to devour some of its own members.

J.B. visits Israel and finds much to report about Canada



By J.B. SALSBERG

Well, my devoted readers, I'm happy to be with you again, at this familiar stand of ours. But, to be truthful, I'm sorry that I had to leave Israel before I was ready to do so.

My original plan was to proceed, immediately after the Brussels conference, to Israel for a brief, photographic view of the Israeli scene and to postpone a more thorough study for the early fall when I hope to attend the international conference on Yiddish that will take place in the Jewish state. But all my plans went to naught after I landed at the Ben Gurion airport.

I found myself so completely involved that my stay was extended to three weeks. When I finally left I felt that my work was incomplete and my desire to remain, at least a little longer, was as strong as it usually is when I depart from Israel. The moral of it all is that if it was always "hard to be a Jew," it is far more difficult in this crucial period of our history.

Now, that I'm back I find that I am not yet prepared to write about Israeli issues. I need more time to sort out my thoughts and impressions before I put them to paper.

I feel like an overloaded computer that has been fed an over-abundance of impressions; varied and often contradic-

tory opinions; conflicting evaluations of the same problem by acknowledged authorities in the given field; confident as well as pessimistic prophecies; with tales of spiritual and national heroism as well as with stories of the crassest examples of revolting selfishness. One does need time to separate the essential from the inconsequential.

So have patience, my friends. Allow me, in the meantime, to share with you some non-controversial observations of a Canadian in Israel.

On my return, I found the Canadian media depicting conditions in our country as being full of confusion, crises and threatening collapse. Don't worry. That's not the way Canada appears to people far away from our shores. On the contrary, Canada appears to be the most desirable area in the globe to people everywhere. As for Israel, Canada is very much alive and well there.

As for this paper, the editor may be surprised to learn how well-known The Canadian Jewish News is in Israel. My uncle Eliezer, will be pleased to know that he is surprisingly well-known and enquired about in Israel.

Here are a few items of Canadian interest that I gathered during my three-week stay.

When I visited the Canadian embassy in Israel our ambassador, Mr. Edward G. Lee, feigned surprise and said, "your uncle Eliezer didn't say that you were coming." When I expressed my unexcused surprise that the ambassador assured me that he read our column — mine and my uncle's — regularly. (Aren't you proud, uncle Eliezer?)

Mr. James Lynch, the embassy's young, hard-working and conscientious press officer, went to the embassy library and reading room to fetch the last copy of this paper but he found that it had been filched by someone...

Standing in a line at the Tel Aviv post office someone behind me, a Torontonian I had not met before, began talking about the paper and I was

admonished for not writing more often about Israeli problems.

— A refined Israeli lady admonished me for my recent column on Moshe Dayan...

— At an accidental meeting with Rabbi Lerner's Pride of Israel Temple touring group, the most common question was who was writing the column while I was in Israel.

— Toronto visitors (pharmacists) showed me the latest issues of this paper that they brought along.

— The Canadian embassy is now located in a new, spacious building in the heart of Tel Aviv's embassy and hotel area. No wonder, what with the increasing number of Canadians visiting Israel and the trade and investment developments between the two countries. It was in the embassy that I learned that on the average there are 1,000 Canadian visitors in Israel on any given day of the year.

I arrived immediately after the mass-attended Canadian Zionist Federation convention. The Toronto Pride of Israel group was around when I arrived; so were the Toronto pharmacists tour; so was a large group from Winnipeg's Rosh Pina; Rabbi Monson arrived with a group and Rabbi Schild's contingent was expected momentarily. Not bad for Canada. (There were other organized Canadian tours whom I didn't personally encounter.)

— The press there reported that Murray Goldman (and Labatts) have taken over Israel's only brewery. A day later, I learned privately that an Ottawa group acquired one of the large wineries in the country. (Uncle Eliezer is ready to wager — so he says — that from now on Canadian Jews will be expected to open every festive occasion with Israeli wine and end it with Israeli beer.)

But all the above is only a partial report of Canada and Canadians in the life of Israel at this moment. There will be plenty more to detail next week.

Agony knew no respite

Jerusalem -- a city of strife

Landmark
Events
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By ROCHELLE CARR

The resplendent beauty of Jerusalem, bathed in a pink sunset, gave a false illusion of tranquility on March 19, 1948. Once again, Jerusalem and her citizens were girding themselves for the onslaught of more hostilities.

The Arabs, rejecting the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine, had, for all intents and purposes, begun hostilities, particularly in Jerusalem, long before war would be officially declared in May. The Jewish population in the Old City was almost completely cut off. Bombs exploded at the Jewish Agency building, at the Palestine Post office and on the road to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus.

Finally, on June 11, 1948, a ceasefire came into effect which left Jerusalem cut in two. Thus it would remain, a divided city for the next 19 years.

Jerusalem had known such strife from the days of her birth, through the Roman occupation, the Byzantine period, the conquering by the Arabs in 638 C.E., through the Crusade period and on and on.

Then, in modern times, on Dec. 9, 1917, the Turkish troops surrendered Jerusalem to the British. Two days later, General Allenby, representing the newest administration of Jerusalem, dismounted from his horse and entered the Old City through Jaffa Gate, on foot, out of reverence for the

holy stature of the city.
But, the beautiful edifices (made of the unique Jerusalem stone) of that much tormented city still knew no rest from hostilities. During the days of the British Mandate, new structures, as well as some of those that had endured centuries of turmoil, were damaged or destroyed by terrorist actions, such as one of the first Arab outbreaks during Passover, 1920. Jerusalem's agony knew no respite.

Eventually, the 1948 war split the city.

Finally, on Wednesday, June 7, 1967, during the Six Day War, Israelis fought their way through Lion's Gate, captured the Old City and, once again, Jerusalem was united.

Throughout the ages, Jerusalem has also been referred to as the "Faithful City," "David's City," the "Holy City," the "City of Justice," the "City of Peace" and the "City of Gold."



It was a glorious day in June 1967 as thousands went to the Western Wall to celebrate the reunification of the Holy City. The city had been divided since the 1948 war.

Rabbinical outlook on slavery during Civil War not flattering

By RABBI PHILIP R. ALSTAT

The observance of Lincoln's birthday in this bicentennial year inevitably brings to mind the issue of slavery which convulsed the nation and brought on the severest crisis in the history of our republic, culminating in the long and bloody Civil War.

In that bitter controversy which so violently divided the nation, what was then the attitude of American Jews? Assuming that rabbis, the teachers of the ethics and morals of Judaism, are the representatives of the Jewish point of view, what did they teach and preach then concerning the burning problems of slavery? The answer to this question we found conveniently presented in several chapters of Rabbi Bertram W. Korn's well-documented book, *American Jewry and the Civil War*. Out of regard for the truth we must admit that the over-all picture, viewed in retrospect, is not altogether flattering.

To begin with, the rabbis of congregations in the north were sharply divided in their views of slavery. For the sake of convenience we shall summarize and classify the various rabbinic attitudes into four categories. (The classification is our own).

Pro-Slavery — The most sensational and highly publicized sermon of that period was delivered by Rabbi Morris J. Raphael of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of New York City, a noted orator in the American rabbinic of his time. Speaking on *The Bible View of Slavery*, he took the position that, while he personally was not in favor of that social institution, the text of the Bible, viewed objectively, sanctioned human slavery. As was to be expected, his pronouncement was hailed and quoted by the proponents of slavery and was reprinted in pamphlets and in the columns of the southern newspapers. Rabbi Bernard Iloway of Baltimore, Md., delivered a sermon in which he took the same position as did Raphael, but without attracting the same degree of public attention.

Abolitionists — The abolitionists were quick to challenge and question Rabbi Raphael's biblical scholarship with indignation, scorn and invective. First came a blast in the N.Y. Tribune from Michael Heilprin, a Polish-Jewish intellectual who was a member of the editorial staff of Appleton's New American Cyclopaedia. From England came the reply of Rabbi Gustav Gottheil (subsequently the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of N.Y.). A Danish rabbi, Dr. Moses Mielziner, happened to write a scholarly dissertation on *Slavery Among the Hebrews*. Though it had no reference to the contemporary American scene, it was nevertheless seized upon by the abolitionists, translated into English and published in theological journals as a counter-attack on Raphael's thesis.

But by far the most vigorous and militant anti-slavery propagandists among the American rabbis were David Einhorn of Baltimore and Bernard Felsenthal of Chicago. In their impassioned rebuttal of Raphael's interpretation of the biblical laws, they pointed out that slavery was a deeply rooted evil dating from pre-biblical times. Since it could not be abolished at once, it was hedged about by regulations which limited its extent and led to its virtual elimination. (Einhorn's anti-slavery articles evoked the wrath of the pro-slavery elements who threatened him with physical violence. On the urgent advice of his friends, he and his family fled to Philadelphia for safety).

Rabbis non-committal — A third group consisted of rabbi-editors, Samuel M. Isaacs of the Jewish Messenger and Isaac Lesser of the Occident. At the height of the controversy they adopted a policy of excluding from their papers any discussions of political questions, unless a Jewish issue was involved. Later, however, when the controversy became less inflammatory, they cautiously divulged their respective personal views. Isaacs believed that slavery did not have divine sanction, while Lesser substantially agreed with Raphael.

Not pro-slavery but anti-abolitionist — There was a fourth group of rabbis — Isaac M. Wise, Judah Wechsler and Max Lilienthal — who were theoretically anti-slavery on moral and ethical grounds, but who hated the abolitionists even more than the institution of slavery. They suspected the sincerity of the abolitionists and accused them of being demagogues and incendiary rascals who cloaked their sinister motives in pretended humanitarianism in order to attain political power for themselves, even at the risk of embroiling the nation in a destructive bloody civil war.

Another eminent rabbi, who to some extent fits into this group, was Sabato Morais, who subsequently became the first president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He was not an out-and-out abolitionist. He recognized slavery as an evil institution, but his major concern was the preservation of the Union, lest the world conclude that republicanism was not a stable and practical form of government.

While the rabbis in the north were hopelessly divided in their views, those in the south were practically unanimous — in giving complete moral support to the institution of slavery. One of them, Rabbi George Jacobs of Richmond, Va., actually employed slaves in his own home without feeling that it was contrary to the spirit of Judaism. To be sure, he treated them benevolently but he did avail himself of slave labor. His colleague in the same city, Rabbi J.M. Michelbacher, gave expression (in a prayer for the success of the confederate arms) to his belief that slavery was divinely ordained.

In summation, Dr. Korn characterized the rabbinic attitudes toward the burning issue of slavery: "Personal background and environment, rather than Jewish teachings, determined their views; their version of Judaism was cut to fit the pattern of the conclusion which they reached independently."

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Political moderation, compromise and need for peace emphasized by newly-founded Zionist group

By SHLOMO PEREL

A new development in Israel's Jewish religious community has been the recent founding of Oz L'Shalom (the Will to Peace), a religious Zionist movement emphasizing political moderation, compromise, and the need for peace.

Oz L'Shalom was initiated by professors from Bar-Ilan University, Weizmann Institute, and the Hebrew University, together with some members of the religious kibbutz movement, lawyers, social workers, students, teachers, and young rabbis. These religious Israelis emphasize what they see as the moral needs of Israeli society. They criticize the settlement actions of the pro-annexation Gush Emunim and what they feel is the distortion of Judaism's approach towards Eretz Yisrael by the religious establishment.

After several meetings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, the founders of Oz L'Shalom adopted a general statement of principles. "The moral foundations that guided the Zionist movement in achieving our independence also obligate us today," the declaration says. "We must therefore avoid long-term rule over a large Arab population with its own national consciousness."

The declaration emphasizes that the basic aim of Zionism has been and still is the Jewish state. The Jewish character of the state must be preserved by insuring a large and stable Jewish majority. At the same time, there must be a territorial compromise, without which there can be no peace between Israel and her neighbors.

The statement of principles makes a sharp separation between Oz L'Shalom and the more established religious Zionist groups. "The fundamental values included in this program do not guide official religious Zionism and are not reflected in its activities," the program states. "What is more, extremism, raising its voice in the street without reply, has falsified our image in public opinion and created a distorted image of our spiritual, moral and political essence."

It is thought that Oz L'Shalom may fill a gap in the Israeli religious political spectrum, which is currently dominated by the National Religious Party, a government coalition partner, the traditionalist Agudat Yisrael, and the pro-annexation Gush Emunim. For many years, there has been an absence of groups representing the views of liberal Orthodox — a vacuum which Oz L'Shalom may possibly fill.

In a recent interview, Zvi Yaron, member of Oz L'Shalom steering committee, gave several reasons as to why the Israeli religious scene is currently stagnant and conservative. The sudden possession of all of Eretz Yisrael seemed to signal a messianic age, said Yaron. Social, economic, and Palestinian issues seemed less crucial to religious Jews than the mystical quality of what had happened.

As well, the Yom Kippur War infused new zeal in young religious Israelis, since it is thought the Messiah cannot come without pain and struggle. The creation of Gush Emunim contributed to these passions.

One of the founders of Oz L'Shalom, Prof. Uriel Simon of Bar Ilan University, expressed the special sort of dilemmas facing the religious Israeli Jews. Writing in the newspaper Yediot Ahronot, he said: "The emotion is one thing — and seeing the clearness of a dilemma is another: My love of the Land of Israel and parting with portions of it is extremely painful — but the sight of the Jewish people — as an imposed ruler over one million Arabs for a long period of time is a vision so repulsive to me that I cannot put against it the acceptance of only a portion of the Land of Israel."

Oz L'Shalom plans to be a force for change among religious Israeli Jews in all sectors of society. It is currently planning a national conference of high school students to debate what it considers the crucial political and moral issues of the day.

Hundreds of people have already expressed interest in Oz L'Shalom. Its attempt to organize the religious moderates will from all indications continue. There is some excitement that a hitherto untapped source of moderate political opinion will now make itself heard.

Shlomo Perel is a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at McMaster University in Hamilton.



TELEPHONE TROUBLE

With a shortage of telephones in Israeli homes, people have to take to using telephone booths. Toronto photographer Jacob El-Baz took this of Jerusalemites lining up to wait their chance to speak. Telephone shortage is under remedy by the government.

Even in the ordinary things one does, G-d must be kept in mind, rabbi says

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tzav/Parshat Parah Ba'chazar obel moled yochlana...in the court of the Tent of Meeting they shall eat it.

Not every miracle drug comes from the laboratory. What can be wrong if your pharmacist mixes in a spoonful of brachas, as well — even without a prescription... Once, doctors gave up on a certain patient — he hardly had any lungs left. A pious doctor who was a follower of the Alter Rebbe of Lubavitch visited the patient, gave him some medicine, and the man miraculously recovered. A distinguished professor demanded to know the miracle cure. "Every year," the doctor explained, "my rabbi sends me sherryim — leftovers — from his seder plate, matzohs, bitter herbs and parsley. I grind them up, and whenever nothing else helps, I use my Jewish penicillin..." The doctor was so impressed, that later, when the rebbe was falsely accused, he worked to free him...

The best medicine is not to get sick — but even that is not enough. Sometimes a Jew can have a Cadillac body and an Edsel neshama — if he doesn't realize that the Ribono shel Olam is everywhere, in everything. Consider...when the priest burnt the holy sacrifices on the altar, the Almighty commanded — "v'haltem et hadeshen..." He should take the ashes and put them near the altar..." Moses wondered — "what is this, a big ashtay — why not just dump the ashes out?"

But G-d explained... "I want Jews to learn from this... Every one is sincere and holy when he prays or does a mitzvah, but when it comes to the 'ashes' — the dull, every day, eating, drinking, taking the TTC — people think, 'G-d doesn't care how I do it, as long as I don't sin...' But it's wrong — even in the ordinary, ash-grey things people do, they should keep Me in mind..." (Reb Tzvi Hersch of Rimmuv)

You can earn olam habah just by your thoughts. What do I mean? Two men go to their clothing factory on Spadina, and work eight hours. But one thinks, "Ribono shel Olam, I'm working so I can raise my family to serve You, and to have money to give tzedakah" — then all eight hours are holy. But if the other Chaim Yankel only worries how his ledger will look at the end of the day, then what does he have to show for his work except little green ashes — money?

But...sometimes it's harder to control our minds than it is to find a shtramel in Las Vegas. At least, though, we can put a seatbelt on our mouths — make sure no wrong words crash out. That's why we find an interesting thing... When a flour offering was made in the Temple, whatever was left over was eaten by the kohanim. But G-d insisted — "tal'achel b'makom hadosh..." It's strange, though — what's a 'holy place'?? Beth Shalom, Sharei Shomayim, Holy Blossom?

Ah, but it teaches — the mouth a priest eats with must be holy... How can a priest speak laшон horah, gossip, or nivul peh, off-colored, suggestive talk one moment, and the stuff his mouth with blessings or holy bread the next? "Listen, make sure his mouth is a holy, fitting place..." G-d

insisted. (Reb Chaim Meir of Vishnitz)

A group of Chassidim traveled to their rebbe, and on the way stopped over at an inn. Before eating, they inspected high and low to make sure the inn-keeper was pious and the food 100% glatt kosher. During the meal, they started gossiping about a certain person, ripping him apart with their tongues.

The inn-keeper interrupted them. "I don't understand...you're so fussy about what goes into your mouth, but when it comes to what comes out of your mouth — anything does..."

Both mini-skirts and mini-words are not kosher... The holy books teach that there are three types of letters in the Torah: — Atvun Ravavin — super-large, bold letters... — Atvun Balonim — average,

ordinary letters... — Atvun Z'eerin — shrunken, mini-letters...

Why?... But the words of kindness, Torah and prayer that a Jew speaks form glittering, giant letters, holy and clear... The everyday, hum-drum words of business or school, are, well, just average... But neblech, the wicked, mean, gossipy, immoral words we utter shrink with shame, to hide themselves before the Almighty's gaze...

And not one word is ever forgotten. Shabbat Shalom.

Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 9; Wednesdays at 6; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

We must do the work of 10 because it is inhumane to ask more of Israel, declares Hadassah president

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

It has taken Clara Balinsky 33 years of moving up the ranks, starting out in 1943 as founder of the Mount Carmel Chapter in Montreal and throughout the years serving on numerous committees and projects at both the council and national level of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, to finally crown that achievement with the national presidency.

Succeeding Neri Bloomfield last month at the Hadassah Biennial Convention in Montreal, Mrs. Balinsky is assuming her new role with the same determination that has guided her over the decades.

She expects all Hadassah members and indeed all Jews to attack the problems at hand with the organized enthusiasm and fortitude which she projects.

According to Mrs. Balinsky, there is a tough battle ahead and the future of Hadassah requires careful planning in terms of goals and strategy but "action must come before words."

She believes that in a world where standards have sharply declined people are now looking for spiritual values and inner fulfillment and Hadassah-WIZO must answer this need by developing moral values within the organization itself.

"As the people of the Book, all Jews

must play an important part in restoring the kind of constructive thinking that is needed today," said the Russian-born Hadassah president.

For Israel, every Jew must do "the work of 10 as it is inhuman to ask any more of the country."

Hadassah women should become the true partners of Israel in its search for peace, Mrs. Balinsky explained, "and long range plans of action have to be formulated to foster greater understanding between Jews of Israel and those of the Diaspora."

More funds must be raised, according to Mrs. Balinsky, and new strides made in aliyah.

Letters to the Editor

Film's purpose is 'spiritual genocide'

Dear Editor:

Lynn Slotkin (CJN, Feb. 27) may have seen the film *The Hiding Place* but she surely did not understand the purpose of it, which is actually an out-and-out missionary tract with a hard-sell evangelical pitch.

She knows that the neighborhood movie palace, where the film is shown, has been leased to the Billy Graham evangelist organization and that missionary literature is distributed at such showings of the movie, as Agudath Israel of America, a major Orthodox Jewish organization stated in a letter to the department of consumer affairs. In its letter the Agudath Israel claimed that the newspaper advertisements misrepresent the film as being commercial entertainment on a Holocaust theme.

Does Ms. Slotkin know that Billy Graham is not only one of the persons behind the film, but that the film is a Billy Graham evangelist production?

We Jews, who were fortunate enough to survive the threat of physical annihilation demand that 30 years later we be spared the deceptive exploitation of that blood-stained period for surreptitious attempts at spiritual genocide.

Herman Landau, Toronto,

Dear Editor:

As an ex-managing editor of Masada for one year and involved in the development of

Masada from 1970, and as the present features editor for Migdal, I think myself qualified to make some comments on Ms. Toia Korenblum's article in your vol. XVII, #4 issue.

First of all, Masada had had serious personnel problems for at least the last three years, in which personality clashes became clothed in the more respectable robes of "ideology." Both Norman Doidge and Geoffrey Clarfeld, for whom I have the highest personal appreciation, chose to edit Masada in what appeared to be an increasingly narrow, sectarian, and unsuitable manner, reaching a crisis point with their first issue of this school year.

It was slick, glossy, shallow, expensive, and irresponsible. For a supposedly Jewish student journal to squander more than one-half of a year's total budget on one issue in which there was one student article is an outrage.

Concerning the claim that Masada was killed because it was "pro-Zionist," with the implication that Migdal is non-Zionist, is a travesty of the truth. Insofar as this claim has any basis, it relates to the strong negative reaction among the non-student members of the Hillel and JSF advisory boards to the Mark Clarfeld article attacking Barney Danson, a Jewish federal cabinet minister.

However, although the boards have the power of the purse, they could not have unilaterally killed Masada and published another journal without a broad base of

student support. This support, to repeat, had nothing to do with Masada's so-called ideological position. It had everything to do with the irresponsible and negligent misuse of student funds.

Migdal is an infant publication, trying to establish a firm basis for Jewish students of most political stripes to write and creatively make available ideas and information which are generally not given a hearing in the regular Jewish press. Our policy parameter is to publish anything (space and quality permitting) by a Toronto or region Jewish student, so long as it does not attack the intrinsic value and integrity of the Jewish people, the Jewish culture, and the Jewish state.

Since not all is well in these three matters, I see no reason to forbid constructive criticism. The fact that Migdal may not be to the taste of some people is unfortunate.

Finally, with all due respect to Ben Mayer, he is not an editor of Migdal and has little say in its content. If your reporters should, for some inconceivable reason, show further interest in the continuing adventures of Migdal, let them demonstrate minimal journalistic skill and integrity by interviewing the people directly involved in a story and not some bystander. The list of editors for Migdal is printed in every issue for public perusal.

Myer Rosen, feature editor of Migdal, Downsview.



Hadassah President Clara Balinsky

Volunteer workers should also gain from their effort through a university credit system or recognition of their work as valid job experience, Mrs. Balinsky said.

There are three Balinsky children, two sons and a daughter. The daughter recently married a Sabra and lives in Israel. There are four grandchildren.

The arts, particularly music and drama, are Mrs. Balinsky's loves and for many years she gave piano lessons in her home. McGill University's Conservatory of Music awarded her a diploma with distinction.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN



IT'S PARTY TIME

There's always a reason to have a party, whether it's Purim celebrations winding down or a feeling of springtime in the air.

On Saturday, March 20... Congregation Habonim holds its Purim dance at 8 p.m. to the music of the Hans Kaufman Trio. Light supper, door prizes and costumes add up to a good evening of entertainment at 12 Holloman Road, Glencairn and Bathurst area.

On Sunday, March 21... Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda's drop-in centre for singles (ages 25 and up) celebrates the first day of spring and Sol Zidenberg is on hand with the dance music, at 8:30 p.m.

If you are wearing a costume, admission is free to Beth Shalom Single Swingles Purim masquerade ball set for 8 p.m. Disc jockey and light refreshments add to the fun for this group of 21-35-year-olds.

This Sunday also calls for the initiation of an Open House for unattached Beth Tzedec members between the ages of 35 and 55. Relax with friends over a cup of coffee at the synagogue, 7:30 p.m.

A belated Purim party is the occasion for the Labor Zionist Alliance Professional Club's dance. It takes place at the LZA centre on Viewmount at 8 p.m. with disc jockey Bill Griffin setting the beat.

TIME TO THINK

For those with an intellectual bent this Sunday, March 21 has a lot in store to digest...

Friends of Pioneering Israel, in their fourth annual seminar, takes a hard look at *Purim Jewish Dilemmas*, with speakers Bernard Avishai, Joseph Shatzmiller and Sol Stern (co-founder of the radical magazine, *Ramparts*), all fielding different topics. It's an all-day affair, starting at 10:30 a.m., luncheon included. For preparatory material call FPI at 635-9977.

The Contemporary Affairs Institute of B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation presents guest speaker Frank Talmage, chairman of the University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program. The lecture on *Jewish Mysticism* begins at 8:30 p.m.

With Passover a few weeks away, Ner Israel Yeshiva College invites you to become a yeshiva student for the day. Their seminar dealing with the laws of Pesach gets under way with shacharis services and continues throughout the afternoon. Seminar leaders are Rabbis Gedalia Felder, Yaakov Fordchheimer and Yaakov Perlow, of New York, and

Yaakov Hirschmann. Admission to the school on 625 Finch Avenue West will include lunch.

MUSIC MONTH

Two different, but equally popular entertainers hit the Toronto area this weekend... On Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 p.m. Yehoram Gaon, Israel's vocal and movie star, entertains a sell-out audience at Adath Israel Congregation. We have just heard there will be 150 rush seats available before the show and because of the demand a second evening is planned for the 27th.

On Sunday, March 21... Internationally renowned cantor David Kusevsky celebrates Jewish Music Month with a concert which, at the same time, salutes Beth Torah Synagogue on the occasion of its Bar Mitzvah anniversary. Time — 8:30, place — 47 Glenbrook Ave. Tickets are available from the synagogue office: 782-3561.

HOLY BLOSSOM LECTURES

The Israel-Diaspora Committee of the Holy Blossom Temple has set itself an ambitious task with its new series of lectures designed to train congregants to undertake social action responsibilities on behalf of the Jewish homeland. The series takes place weekly on Wednesdays, at 8 p.m. On the 24th, Prof. Eugene Rothman of Carleton University handles the subject *Israel: Roots and Development*. The Middle East and its relationship to the world powers and the UN, will be discussed by political philosophy professor Howard Adelman of York University, on March 31st. The following Wednesday, Rabbi Gunther Plaut will deliver an address on *The Israel — Diaspora Connection and Possible Scenarios for the Future*.

YOUTH IN ACTION

Two stories passed our desk that affirm our confidence in young people. Two grade six classes at Bialik Hebrew Day School, under the direction of teachers Gita Grushka and Helen Selsky, entertained residents of Baycrest's home for the aged on Purim eve before the megillah reading. The students, aged 10 and 11, worked for two months on Itzik Manger's Yiddish musical, *Purim Spiel*.

The student councils of the United Synagogue Day School's main and Bayview branches, recently apportioned their weekly tzedakah collection for Guatemalan Jewry, a total of \$50. A cheque in that amount was sent to Guatemala City's Jewish day school, the Instituto Alberto Einstein.

Popular orange torte
livened with Jaffa citrus

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

These days, Israel would far rather be known for other commodities than oranges. Talk about Israel's exports of polished diamonds, high fashion and textiles, chemicals and precision tools, and Israeli industrialists will glow with pride — but the "orange-picking image" has been gently discouraged over the last decade or so, although citrus fruit is, and remains, a big dollar earner.

Nevertheless, the image persists. So much so, that overseas visitors are in for a cruel disappointment when they arrive in the middle of the summer, and find empty orange groves and a few sad specimens of oranges available in the stores.

One group leader (a Canadian, but no names...) found himself in something of a quandary when

asked to explain this by his disappointed charges. He told them the crop was grown for export, so no oranges were available to Israelis except at very high prices.

The real reason, of course, is that the orange season runs from around Chanukah to Pesach. So visitors arriving here at this time of year will find Israelis enjoying a bumper crop. Oranges are purchased by every family in bulk during this season when they are cheap, healthful and delicious.

Families rarely buy less than five pounds at a time. They are squeezed freshly every morning, used generously in cooking, and eaten one after the other during evenings spent chatting with friends, or round the television.

Oranges are exported together with other citrus fruit, under the trade name "Jaffa," by the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel. Several growers' co-operatives supply the

Board and last year, citrus exports totalled 891,000 tons and earned Israel \$123,015,400, a peak figure.

This year, production is so high that a special "picking campaign" — *mitzvah caill* — is encouraging high-school students to spend a couple of weeks in the orange-groves to help out with harvesting.

Here is a popular and exciting Israeli sweet from the Citrus Marketing Board, made with six or seven ripe, juicy oranges. I served it to The Canadian Jewish News Associate Editor, Lewis Levendel and his wife, on their recent visit to Israel, and they confirmed that readers would want to share the recipe too.

Jaffa Torte

2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup margarine
1/3 cup sugar (for pastry)
2 tps. baking powder
2 cups freshly-squeezed orange juice
4 tbsps. cornstarch
4 tbsps. sugar (for filling)
3 whole oranges
3 egg whites
3 tbsps. sugar (for topping)

1. first make the pastry. Mix together the flour, margarine, 1/3 cup sugar and baking powder, until you have a soft ball. Press evenly and lightly on to the base and up the sides of a greased, round, shallow pie dish or spring-form pan, 10"-12" in diameter. Bake in a preheated 350° oven for 50 minutes or until baked through and lightly gilded. Remove from oven.

2. heat orange juice with 4 tbsps. sugar and when boiling, stir in the cornstarch, mixed well in advance with a little cold water. Lower heat and stir with wooden spoon until the mixture thickens, then remove from heat.

3. peel oranges, removing all white pith and pits, and divide into segments. Lay segments atop pastry, fitting together closely. Cover with cornstarch filling.

4. whip egg whites with 3 tbsps. sugar till stiff, and pile on top of torte. Raise heat in oven to 450° and leave torte in for a few minutes until the meringue turns golden. Serve cold. At least 12 portions.

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Fran Axsmith

B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto informs us that Fran Axsmith has just assumed the post of president. Mrs. Axsmith, a young mother of three, will now take charge of co-ordinating the programs for all 17 chapters under her domain. A member of Makor chapter, she served as Council's vice-president for two years before moving up the ladder to the top job.

Yael Sion, journalist, novelist, army officer — and daughter of former Israeli defence minister Moshe Dayan — is scheduled to visit Hamilton and Toronto next week. On Tuesday, March 23, she tackles the topic of intended U.S. arms supplies to Egypt. Her address, sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance and Canadian Zionist Federation, can be heard at 8:30 p.m. at LZA's Viewmount Avenue centre. The following day, Mrs. Sion heads for Hamilton's Jewish Community Centre where she will address a 1:30 p.m. meeting sponsored by the women's division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Reliable sources from Israel report El Al's top man for Canada will be Dov Ady, the airline's marketing chief. He will take up his new office April 1 in Montreal. Joram Kagan, El Al's general manager for Canada, will be returning to Israel.

Toronto has a new trilingual radio show — Hebrew, Yiddish and English — featuring announcer-interviewer Micha Ben Aliza. Actually, the true identity of the man behind the mike is Michael Givon (his mother's maiden name was Aliza), an Israeli who first conceived the idea when he moved to Toronto in 1969. A teacher at B'nai Israel-Beth David's congregational school, Givon also produces the show "A.M. Israel", which is aired from 10:30 — 11:30 a.m., Sundays, on CJMR radio, 1190 on the AM dial. In addition to music, cultural entertainment and local interviews, the show offers direct live newcasts from Israel via the facilities of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

"My mother was so adamant that her children should grow up in a good atmosphere, that she forbade us to play games with toy weapons," said Menachem Meir. "Mother" is none other than Golda Meir and this little known fact about Israel's former prime minister came to light at the family celebration of her grandson's bar mitzvah in Ramat Aviv. "Unfortunately," her son added, "when they grew up the time was still not ripe to do away with the real thing."

Six Hadassah-WIZO women from Anne Frank Chapter are still bubbling with excitement over their recent victory — which netted them a respectable \$1,000 — following a hard-fought battle in, of all things, a table-setting contest. Pitted against women's committees of six other charitable organizations, in the contest sponsored by Gabriel Lucas Jewellers on Yorkville Avenue, the Hadassah women were the public favorite. Setters of the winning table were: Lynn Albert, Virginia Bain, Bonnie Gottlieb, Sydney Krelstein, Lynn Sigel and Elaine Wortzman.

Congratulations to Fanny Finkelstein, a pioneer member of Adath Israel Congregation, who celebrated a milestone birthday — her 90th. The congregation paid tribute to this great-grandmother at a Sabbath morning service recently. Mrs. Finkelstein's late husband, Morris, was one of Adath Israel's co-founders in 1902.

Dr. William Korey, a specialist on Soviet Jewish affairs and B'nai B'rith's non-governmental representative to the UN, has been appointed director of the BB International Council. He succeeds Herman Edelsberg who retired this month after nine years in the post. Mr. Edelsberg continues on with BB as a consultant on foreign affairs.

By LOUISE CORNBUM

TORONTO —

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, lashed out at his secretary of state, Henry Kissinger, for ignoring the interests of the American Jewish community in the course of his Mideast shuttle diplomacy.

Addressing an audience of 250 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue recently, the rabbi admitted that "although Dr. Kissinger is a refugee from Hitler Germany, he turned his back on the Jewish people and even returned to Germany to forgive and forget."

While he claimed no right to criticize the secretary of state, Schonfeld added: "Dr. Kissinger says on behalf of the United States, 'We have to do what is in our own national interest'; but he's not saying it the same way the real native-born Yankees say it."

Rabbi Schonfeld had come from his Young Israel of Kew Gardens Hills Congregation in Queens, New York, to share the siyum-dinner celebrating the completion of a five-year study of the Talmudic tractate Shabbat undertaken by Shaarei Tefillah's Rabbi Meyer Berglas and members of his congregation.

"We live today in times of unprecedented danger in Jewish life, whether in North America, the Soviet Union or the land of Israel," the Orthodox American rabbi said. "The Arabs have Russia, France, Britain, Europe; we Jews have only ourselves and the Almighty."

Rabbi Schonfeld told of visiting a yeshiva in Israel, 1 1/2 miles from the Syrian border, just a couple of weeks after three of the students were attacked by Arabs.

"What could I say to them from the safety of Kew Gardens in New York City of Bathurst Street in Toronto? Could I say to them, study Torah? What do our young men risk studying at yeshivot in North America? There

is no Torah study like that in Israel."

Murray Frieberg, president of Shaarei Tefillah, said that although learning and prayer are the cornerstones of synagogue life, that is not enough.

"At this point in our history, a synagogue must be much more than that. We are the centre of Jewish life in the Diaspora and our purpose must be to foster Jewish life in all its aspects."

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Organizations and People

James Harris reviews first year in office

Council president finds BB more politicized

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO — B'nai B'rith members have mobilized for action due to heightened political awareness, reports James Harris, president of the organization's Tor-

onto Regional Council. "Jews have been having a pretty bad press lately," said the 47-year-old Englishman who emigrated to Toronto over 17 years ago, in a recent interview. "Silence from

B'nai B'rith over the desirability of the UN conference on crime and criminality, scheduled for Toronto last September, would have been unthinkable," he said.

Reflecting on the increased politicization that has developed during his one-year term of office, ending in late April, Harris spoke of confrontations with local press over the controversial conference, of meetings with government officials, and planned 24-hour demonstrations "to show distaste and make our presence felt" despite concern for physical safety.

The soft-spoken, mild-mannered Harris, described with feeling the B'nai B'rith attendance at the explosive University of Toronto appearance of PLO representative, Shafik al-Hout.

"B'nai B'rith's intent was to listen and question in a disciplined way," said Harris. "But with tough-looking Arab thugs facing the audience with the challenging cry, 'Go, go — PLO!' it would be too much to expect the Jewish members of the audience to turn the other cheek."

James Harris, the father of two young children, reported with pride that the biggest response to the Arabs came from Jewish youth, "who will never march to the incinerators as they were forced to 40 years ago." Over half of that assembly of some 750 people were B'nai B'rith, BBYO (the youth organi-



James Harris is president of the Toronto Regional Council of the B'nai B'rith Organization. (Mendly)

zation) and Hillel members, noted Harris. Hillel is a B'nai B'rith-supported project for university students.

With regard to ongoing B'nai B'rith projects, Harris, who is the ninth president of the regional council co-ordinating body of over 25 lodges, said "the political response is a changed direction to suit the needs of the time, but has not diminished our community work."

The membership of over 4,000 men is still heavily involved with the

regional council, added Goldberg, as he told how BBYO delivered state-ments and literature for the Bonds' office, during the fall mail strike.

The number one priority, during Harris' presidency, has been a drive for new members, with the possibility of four new lodges opening up in the near future, and reaching out to ex-Montrealers living in Toronto, young-marrieds, and Latin American Jews. According to Harris, "There are probably 35,000 Jewish men in Toronto who could gain from membership in a B'nai B'rith lodge."

Some lodges, like Wilson Heights, maintain a strong relationship with the Jewish Home for the Aged at Baycrest Centre, offering a free Chanukah telephone call anywhere

in the world for Home residents, and giving each excited caller a snapshot of the big moment when the call is made.

Other lodges direct their energies to helping deprived children enjoy some of the benefits of life, through special outings to hockey games, the ice Capades, the circus and other happy events.

There are continuous projects for Israel, out of the regional council of B'nai B'rith. The Toronto organization contributes more dollars for planting trees in Israel on a per capita basis, than in any other city. A minimum of 25,000 trees have been donated by the group this year. "We are responsible for about \$100,000 or 10% of Jewish National Fund's proceeds," said Goldberg.

Talks handle money matters

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Each of the three afternoon sessions — March 25, April 1 and 8 — will cover a specific area of financial planning and will be conducted by a leading consultant and specialist in the field. The 1½ hour seminars will consist of an opening presentation followed by a question and answer

period.

On March 25, Harvey Moscoe, CA, will discuss income tax and show how to take advantage of various deductions to reduce annual income taxes. Ronald Appleby, lawyer and tax consultant, will lead the seminar on April 1 and deal with gift taxes, capital gains taxes and succession duties and illustrate how careful estate planning can substantially reduce these taxes and still provide for gifts to family and charity.

Shirley Griffin, a trust officer with Canada Permanent Trust, will conduct the closing seminar on April 8. She will discuss the importance of a proper will and the pitfalls which may result in the absence of a will.

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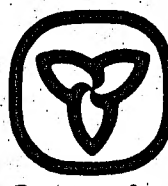
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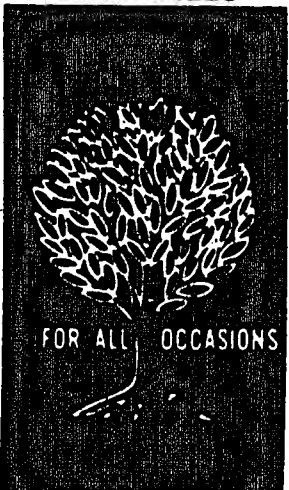


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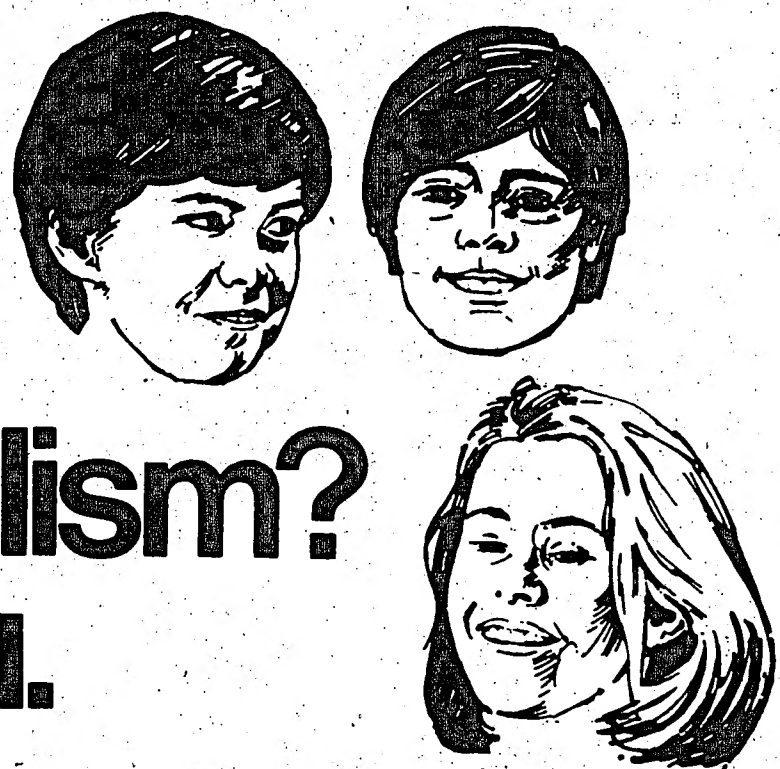
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CAMPING '76

Bernstein tries to ensure council serves everyone

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — John Bernstein is not

your average civil servant. Soft-spoken, urbane, he reflects an old-world charm that belies a brisk

workman-like approach to his job. As executive director of the Jewish Camp Council, he is responsible for the operation of four camps which cater to all ages and segments of the local Jewish community.

Born in Russia, his family moved to France when he was two. He received his early education in England and France, later graduating from the Paris Institute of Political Science.

His exploits during and after the Second World War would make an exciting novel. At the outbreak of war he joined the French army where he served until his capture. He spent the next three years in a German prisoner-of-war camp from which he escaped to Switzerland in 1943. From there until war's end he served with the Maquis, a group of courageous French freedom fighters.

Bernstein's fluency in several languages made him an ideal candidate to work on the resettling of thousands of European refugees in the aftermath of the war. He was sent to a United Nations training school in France before taking a job with UNRA.



John Bernstein, exec. director, Jewish Camp Council.

He later worked with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, becoming chief welfare officer for Austria. It was at this point that he decided he could no longer live in Europe after witnessing the horrors of the Holocaust. In 1949 he

went to Israel for a visit and from there came to Canada to join members of his family who were living in Winnipeg.

He worked for the Winnipeg Jewish Family & Child Service until he moved to Toronto in 1953. It was in 1955 that Bernstein began his long affiliation with the Jewish Camp Council.

Bernstein's wife, who practices under the name of Dr. Vera Rose, is a pediatric cardiologist and a full-time staff member at the Hospital for Sick Children. There are three Bernstein children — Michael, 26, who teaches English at Berkeley University; David, 11, and nine-year-old Suzy. Dr.

Rose has spent several summers with her husband at Haliburton, as camp doctor.

An acknowledged expert on camp operation, John Bernstein was this month invited by the Jewish Agency to come to Israel to select 65 young Israelis to work in Jewish camps across Canada during the coming summer.

Under Bernstein's direction, the Jewish Camp Council has moved forward in many new areas, serving all socio-economic sectors. "I feel very strongly that the concept of serving all segments of the community is essential," he said. "We have to constantly

evaluate and assess the needs and aspirations of the people and make plans to meet those needs. And we must provide a greater challenge to the young whom we employ."

Judging from the progress and impact that the Jewish Camp Council has made in the Jewish community, the needs of this rapidly-changing society are obviously being met.

See next issue for Camp Directory.

Variety of camps available to public makes choice vital

TORONTO — Choosing an overnight camp for a child is like trying to buy him a pair of shoes — there is a large stock, different styles, yearly fads and an almost infinite number of variations on the theme, so that a close examination is necessary to determine the most comfortable fit.

Camps serving the Jewish community range from privately owned facilities to community-sponsored ones, to those with ideological and religious orientations. There are even camps for handicapped children or those with learning disabilities.

There are rustic, "outdoorsy" camps, and sophisticated specialty camps, featuring everything from fitness centres, karate instruction and ice hockey lessons to video replay equipment on tennis courts.

While directors of overnight camps will tell you they are consistently updating facilities to attract new recruits, the real incentive, they say, is the unparalleled camping "experience": personality development, maturation, group living, leadership, skill training and friendships.

Any camper, or camper-graduate, will agree. Camping is an emotional blend — of fierce loyalty and devotion; overnights in Algonquin Park where mystical beauty mixes with hungry armies of mosquitoes; marshmallows melting on an open fire; blushing puppy love; cross-my-heart-and-hope-to-die friendships; crushing failures and ecstatic achievements — the trite yet personal experiences that are part of "growing up."

"Camp is really a child's world, an escape from the complex and troubled world he lives in for 10 months of each year," says John Bernstein, director of the Jewish Camp Council. "It has a great advantage in that the child can adjust to the value system of the camp and rely on it in a consistent way."

Superficially, camps have changed over the past few decades, says Bernstein, while objectives have remained consistent. Structures have become more flexible in response to the needs, aspirations and talents of the children they serve.

The growth of the Jewish middle class spawned an increasing number of private camps offering specialized activities, he notes.

The community camps Bernstein runs have also kept up with the growth and changes in the Jewish community — the influx of Russian immigrants, and the needs of the lower economic stratum.

Private camps are an entirely different matter and like any other enterprise, competition and one-upmanship becomes the key to success. So affirms Rose Hersh, director-owner of Massad, who claims she is in the business out of a sense of idealism, not money.

Some private camps have become so specialized, she says, "that they are vying with each other, they are going to eat each other up...it's unnecessary to make camps glorified hotels or golf clubs."

Many private camps, she also points out, have been forced to draw on markets in the U.S. and Mexico because the tight economic situation has dried up former local sources. "They are not getting their traditional registration."

Massad, of all the private camps serving the Jewish community, comes closest to the ideological or religious camp funded through organization subsidies.

Says Mrs. Hersh, describing her 25-year association with Massad: "There's a spirit here money can't buy. The kids realize they are Jewish; they accept it and they like it."

Year-round camping facility is planned at Parry Sound

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

A year-round complex to be built on the present Parry Sound camp site tops the list for future priorities of the Jewish Camp Council. Executive director John Bernstein, who has been with the JCC since 1955, foresees a whole new trend in camping facilities in the near future.

"Based on information available to us, we are now in a period of transition," Bernstein explained in a recent interview. "The needs are rapidly changing. Zero population growth is becoming a reality. Jewish families have fewer children and this requires a major readjustment in the thinking and future planning by social agencies. The community must now address itself to the growing numbers of senior citizens, single-parent families and single adults."

Concerned primarily with improving the quality of Jewish life, Bernstein foresees a trend which is moving away from the traditional summer camp solely serving children and adolescents.

The Parry Sound camp, which was acquired by the JCC several years ago, is located on 210 acres of lush, generously-endowed natural surroundings, ideally suited to the

winterized centre. Funding for the project should be finalized sometime in 1976.

"It is just not economically feasible to operate only two months of the year," Bernstein remarked. "and present facilities are too primitive to withstand cold weather."

What is planned is a 12-month operation, under kashruth supervision, which would include facilities for cross-country skiing, skating, workshops, weekend retreats, conferences, all geared to seniors, singles, families, youth and synagogue groups.

At present, the Jewish Camp Council operates four camps — two at Haliburton, one located at Barrie and the one at Parry Sound. Working with newly-elected JCC president Frances Olin and a board of 52 member representatives from the Toronto Jewish Congress, local B'nai B'rith, YM-YWHA and the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto), Bernstein says there is much enthusiasm for the projected centre.

In the more than 20 years during which he has been affiliated with the Jewish Camp Council, it has evolved as a major agency in Toronto's Jewish community, catering last year alone to 2,846 young campers and employing 483 high school and university students during the summer

months.

In addition to serving youngsters, the JCC will offer one week of physical fitness and recreation for singles at its Haliburton camp during the latter part of August for a nominal fee of \$125. At Barrie and Parry Sound 640 senior citizens will have an opportunity to escape the city's heat in July and August.

"We want to serve all segments of the Jewish community," Bernstein commented. "We welcome anyone, regardless of his or her ability to pay. Last year \$182,000 in subsidies was extended to families who were unable

to pay the full fee."

Allocations are based on individual means tests. Funding for seniors was made available through the United Way — \$16,500 — and \$22,425 came from the province and Metro. The Toronto Jewish Congress takes care of taxes and insurance on all the campsites.

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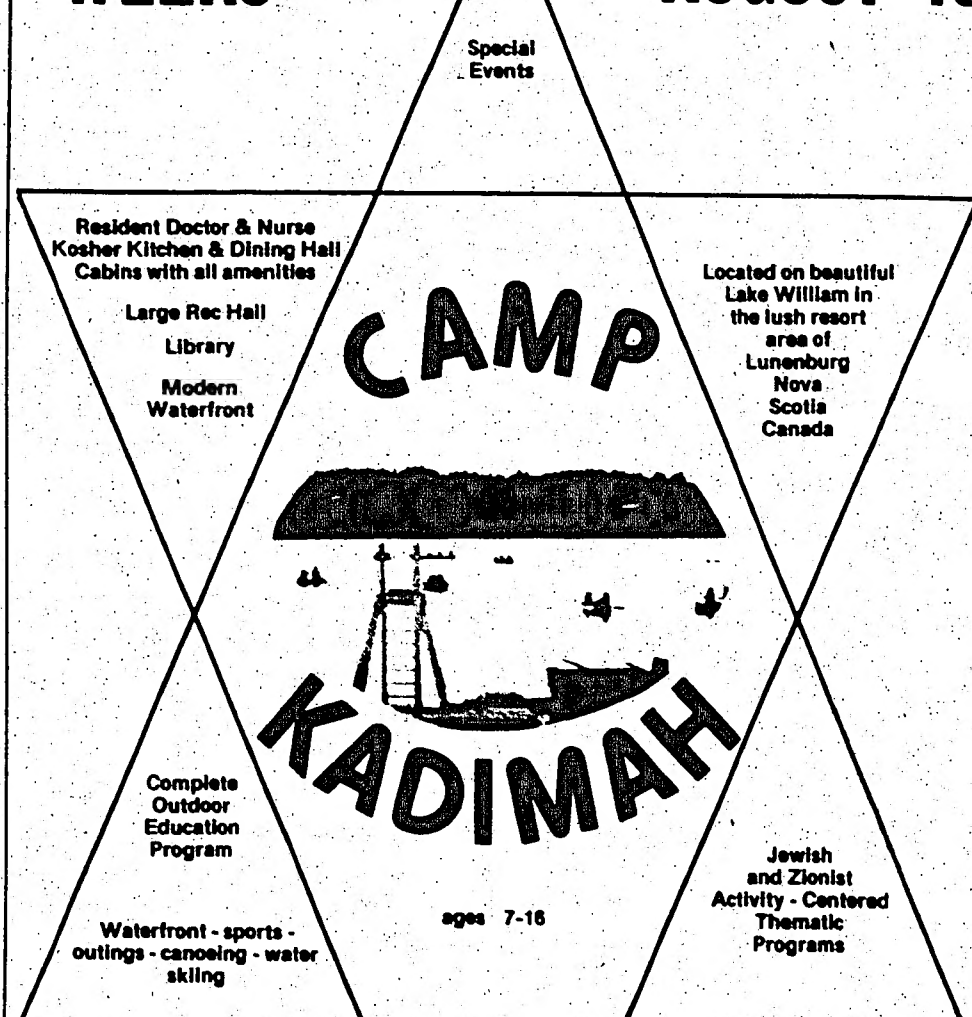
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CAMPING '76

Campers expect more these days

Private and community day camps are changing

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO

Day camping has broadened its horizons in the past decade. Parents' expectations have changed and the young camper is a mature sophisticate, nurtured in progressive schools, by the electronic media and a lifestyle that affords him extra-curricular activities in the fine arts and sports world.

Competitive private and community day camps are increasingly adapting to these changing needs — for some a hike in the woods and finger painting must be supplemented by tennis, hockey, photography and trips to the Shaw Festival.

One of the camps that best illustrates the trend to specialization without sacrificing the communal spirit is the 'Y' day camp. Actually, the 'Y', which began its venture into community day camping

some 25 years ago with Camp Fundale, now runs seven separate camp programs serving over 2,700 youngsters, from 3½ to 15-year-old counsellor-trainees.

Recognizing the individuality of the children, the 'Y's' programming has branched out to include a camp for children with learning difficulties, and one for pre-schoolers headed by an early childhood specialist. For the older camper, Camp Out-In, offers a three-day-a-week schedule with out-of-town and overnight trips. Future plans call for the development of sports and fine arts camps.

Director of these ambitious projects is an Englishman, Michael Silverman, who admits "in order to keep up with trends you have to keep ahead. It's very competitive."

His camps appear to be unique among day pro-

grams in that Jewish content is not merely a token activity; it is a deliberate element of his camp philosophy. This year, as in the past, Silverman has hired six counsellors from the Lubavitch Youth Organization who lead activities on Jewish heritage, artifacts, language, song and dance. A visitor to the 'Y's' sprawling 30 acres of property adjoining 100 acres of conservation land, may be surprised in the heat of a July day to come across a sukkah or to find a group of youngsters participating in a sum-

mer time seder.

Silverman's camps last year also drew 600 immigrant children, mainly of Russian and Moroccan stock, and in response to the language needs of this group he hired Hebrew-speaking staff. By summer's end, these children, he says, along with help from campers and staff, were chatting away in English.

Because it is a community agency, fees at the 'Y' camp are adjustable according to one's ability to pay. Silverman notes that, in addition to a strong camp program and

Jewish activities, his services allow children from different strata to mingle in a recreational and educational environment.

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Director Jeff Perlmuter says many lucrative private camps have had to fight off the image that they are baby-sitting services, country resorts or exclusive programs for "spoiled little rich kids."

Choosing a day camp, says Perlmuter, whose camp attracts over 600, requires a careful consideration of activities and services. Why spend \$100-\$200 more for one program over another? "Well," he answers, "Why is a Cadillac more expensive than a Ford?"

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By LESLIE WOLFE

For the past three years,
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year became progressively
better as I made new
friends and tried new
activities.

We did everything from
learning to play the violin
to water-skiing and from
sailing to playing quiet
games such as chess and
backgammon. Right from
the very first day of camp
we always had the feeling
of living our own life in our
community with our own
friends.

Each day there were six
to eight activities. I
enjoyed all of them. Arts
and crafts were always fun
to do with a group of
friends. They had the
materials to make things,
like a macrame plant
hanger, or a plaster face
mold or a bead bracelet or
a batik.

Water-skiing was one of
the most popular activities
at camp. So popular that
sometimes we had to be at
the ski dock an hour early
just to make sure we got
our turn. The ski staff was
really helpful. But the
beauty of it all was that no
matter if you were better
or worse than the next
person, you never got
laughed at.

Everyone encouraged
everyone else and was
helpful and friendly to
each other. This made for
hardly any tension between
fellow campers. Of
course, there were a few
that didn't get along, but
they stayed out of each
other's way and tried not
to involve anyone else.

Even though a lot of kids
tend to complain about
camp, I think that every-
one that goes to Camp
B'nai B'rith — Northland
comes home with fantastic
memories, new friends
and maybe a different
outlook on what they can
and can't do.

Leslie Wolfe is 14 years old.

Young camper wins
the dying contest
at Camp Northland

By MICHAEL GOLDENBERG

This is what I liked at Camp Northland, swim-
ming and archery. My hobby was archery.

I was in the dying contest. I came in first. We
had to pretend that we were dying. We jumped
off high hills.

We went on a hike to Mount Kelson, we got to
the top. At the top, there are some cabins. One is
made of logs. And there is a toilet made of logs.

One of my friends went in it.
Harry Halibuton was the owner of camp.
When he built the camp, the first bus was
coming. Harry was waiting for the bus. Then the
bus came in. The bus ran him over, so he never
got to see the first bus-load of kids.

When he died, that caused the dying contest.
We had to do what he did. In some hall of fame
you can see my name. And in that place, in the
stores my name and picture is on bubble gum
wrappers.

When we had clean up, we had to make our
beds, and fold our clothes, that is what I hate.
Sometimes it is fun because you get to sweep the
cabin.

Once we played catch the counsellors. In swim-
ming we go in a lake, it is always freezing. I stepped
on a fish, it kills you.

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Michael Goldenberg is eight years old.

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Travel

Less familiar Israeli attractions such as Abu Ghosh, Bet Jamal well worth visiting

Associate Editor Lewis Levendel recently spent his vacation traveling in Israel. He reports on some of its tourist attractions and the problems they face. Here is the first of a series.

JERUSALEM — There is little doubt that for most people, Jerusalem is the highlight of any visit to Israel. Despite having toured it thoroughly, many visitors return to the capital, ever fascinated by the Old City, and the museums and institutions of the modern city.

But for those who have wandered extensively through the city and other famous nearby sites such

as Hebron and Bethlehem, there are other places of beauty and history worth exploring. The Judean Hills are full of variety, so this tourist decided to visit some of the less familiar attractions. Although not on regular guided tours, most are within easy access by car and can be reached by public transit.

Leaving Jerusalem by the main road to Tel Aviv, we looked back and viewed the beauty of the holy city in the hills. Then we passed the burial place of Samuel the Prophet and the Arab village of Beit Iksa whose guns made life miserable for the Israelis during the '48 war. Other battle sites of

the War of Independence are visible near the highway. Seven miles out of Jerusalem, we saw Kiryat Anavim, one of the country's first kibbutzim established in 1920. Our first stopping point was the Arab village of Abu Ghosh hugging the side of the highway. The pretty town is on the site of Kiryat Yearim where the Ark of the Covenant rested for 20 years before David brought it to Jerusalem. It had been taken from the Philistines.

In the Middle Ages, those coming from the coast would here catch their first glimpse of Jerusalem. And Jewish pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem would tear

their clothes here as a gesture of mourning for the destruction of the Temple. According to my guide book, the village crusader church was built on the site of a former Roman fortress and has a table recording the famous 10th legion. We rang to seek entry into the walled-off church. Dogs barked, donkeys brayed, but no one answered the door. So we journeyed to the hill above the village to the Monastery of the Ark erected on the heights to mark the occasion when the ark rested there. Facing east, you can see scenes where little has changed from biblical times and far off, there are the hills with modern buildings in new Jerusalem. Below are vineyards and trees everywhere — pomegranate, fig and olive.

A little distance from this glorious site, past a abandoned armored vehicles of the '48 war and lovely pine trees, is the development town of Bet Shemesh named for another biblical locale where the ark once rested. It's located at the junction of the Judean foothills and the coastal lowlands, one of the prettiest scenic spots in Israel. Across the road from the modern town are ancient ruins. There has

been some excavation, but there is nothing to indicate to sightseers just what it is. But judging from the location and thickness, it must have been a fortress. According to the guidebook, Bet Shemesh was an important stronghold in the Kingdom of Judea. From the heights can be seen the wondrous results of reforestation with mountains covered with greenery. Below are fields blooming with poppies. It is a quiet pastoral scene — devoid of noise and tourists — with cows grazing contentedly nearby.

The next stop is the monastery of Bet Jamal belonging to the Silezian order. Built in 1873 atop a hill, it is now a primary school of three grades teaching 50 Arab, Christian poor children and orphans. Cultivation of the surrounding land and private donations support the institution manned by 12 priests, brothers and monks, and four sisters.

Outside the thick-walled monastery are well-kept gardens and almond trees in blossom. A monk tells us the monastery is a popular picnic site. On the roof behind the solar heating unit is a meteorological station. The gems of the monastery are the mosaic tiles from the ruins of a fifth century

Byzantine church outside the unusually tiny church, also built in the Byzantine style. Unfortunately, due to the lack of funds, the lovely paintings on the walls and ceiling are decaying because of the humidity. From here, we pass through the barren area, Etzyon, in the occupied area on the crest of the Judean hills. During the War of Independence, vicious battles were fought here and two kibbutzim were overrun. Remains of a pre-'67 Jordanian military camp can be seen.

Two miles south of Bethlehem are three large reservoirs which date from the Second Temple period and are called Solomon's Pools. Collecting water from springs and rain, a complicated construction of canals brought it 18 miles to Jerusalem. At one time on the site a fort was built to protect the pools, now surrounded by palm and pine trees and a much-visited beauty spot.

It's just a short drive through terraced hills to Bethlehem. You can see the contrasts of luxury sports cars to Arab women on donkeys and the wretched squalor of the refugee camps beside the road. After three hours of most enjoyable touring, it was good to get

to have a meal while watching the sun set — a scene of beauty witnessed by many over the centuries. And as far as a new view of Jerusalem can suggest, the 22-storey Jerusalem Plaza. The hotel rooms offer some lovely views of the 3,000-year old City of David. The Plaza, a Canadian Pacific Hotel only about seven minutes walk from the Old City, offers one of the, if not the best breakfast in the country. The variety of fish and cheese is staggering.

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Weekdays throughout the school year, guided tours take visitors into rooms that appear untouched since her passing. Her clothes hang in the closet. Even the furniture seems to anticipate her return.

Mrs. Bethune's photo gallery shows her with associates such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Joe "Brown Bomber" Louis and NAACP Director Roy Wilkins.

She started humbly. Scholarships paid for her education. She taught for eight years before posting \$1.50 to use former city dump land on which she

opened Daytona Normal Institute in 1904. Her five female students charred wood for pencils and crushed berries for ink. By the time Mrs. Bethune's school merged with Cookman Institute in 1923, she had established herself as a 20th century leader. Her home and the surrounding 40 acres of Bethune-Cookman College testify to a lifetime of accomplishments.

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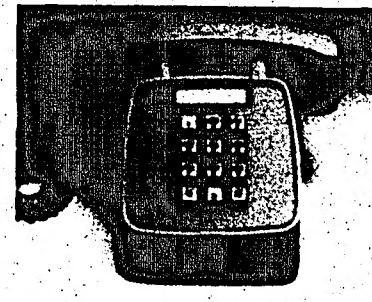


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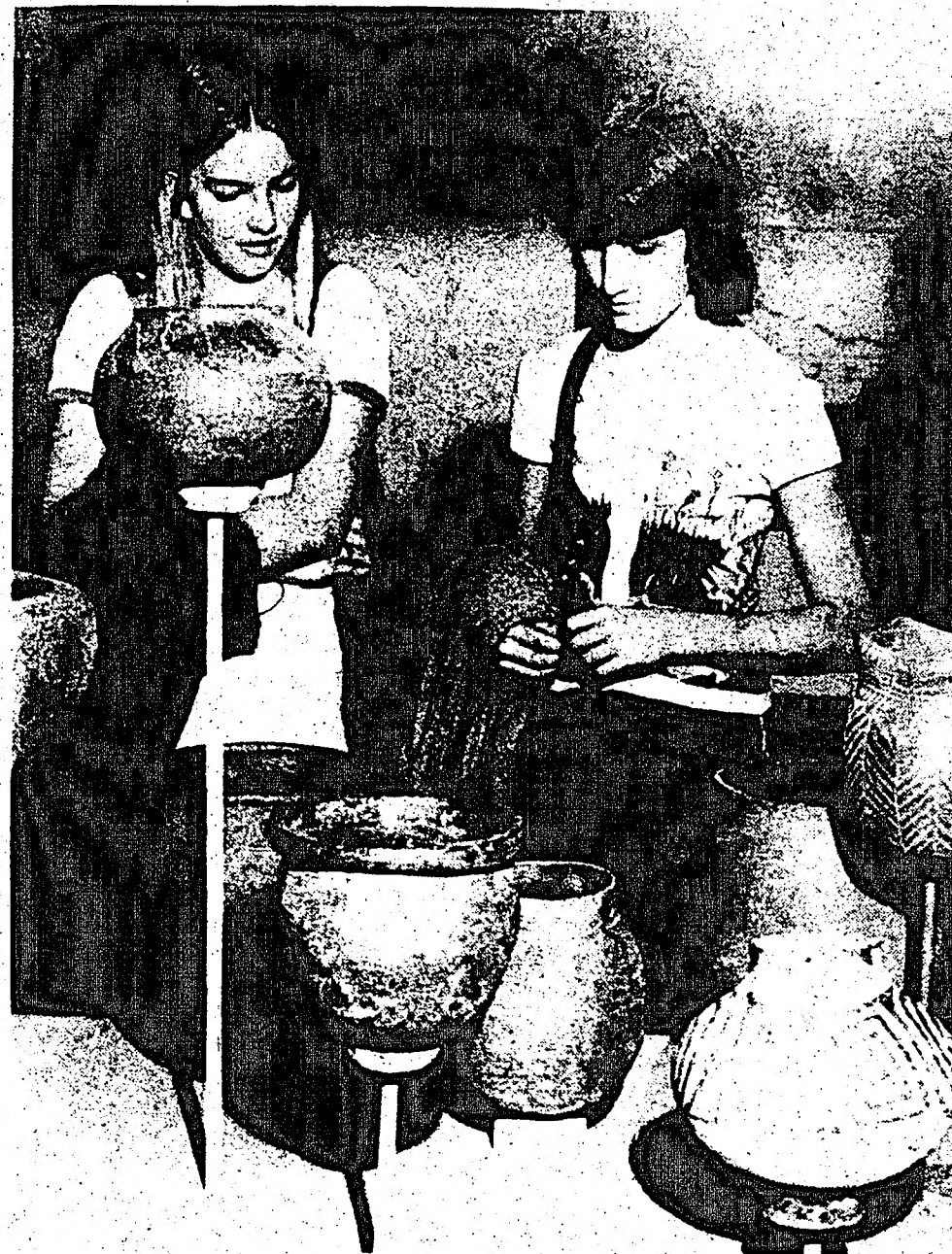
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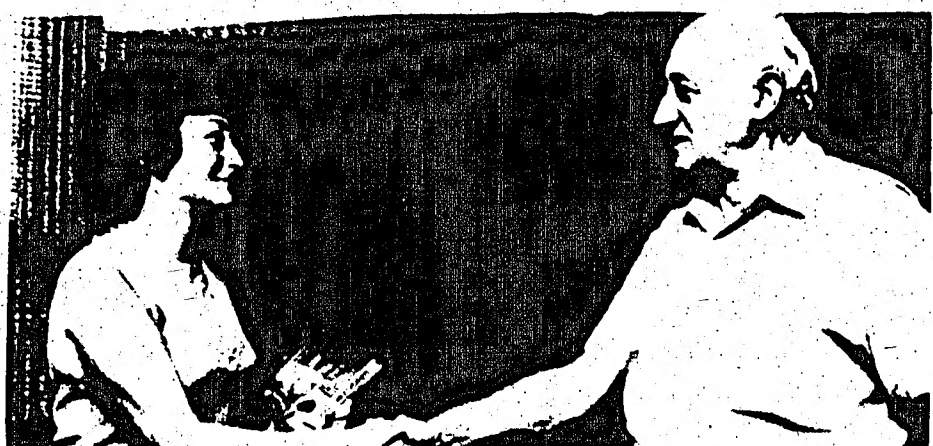
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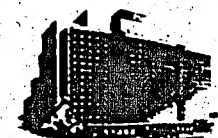
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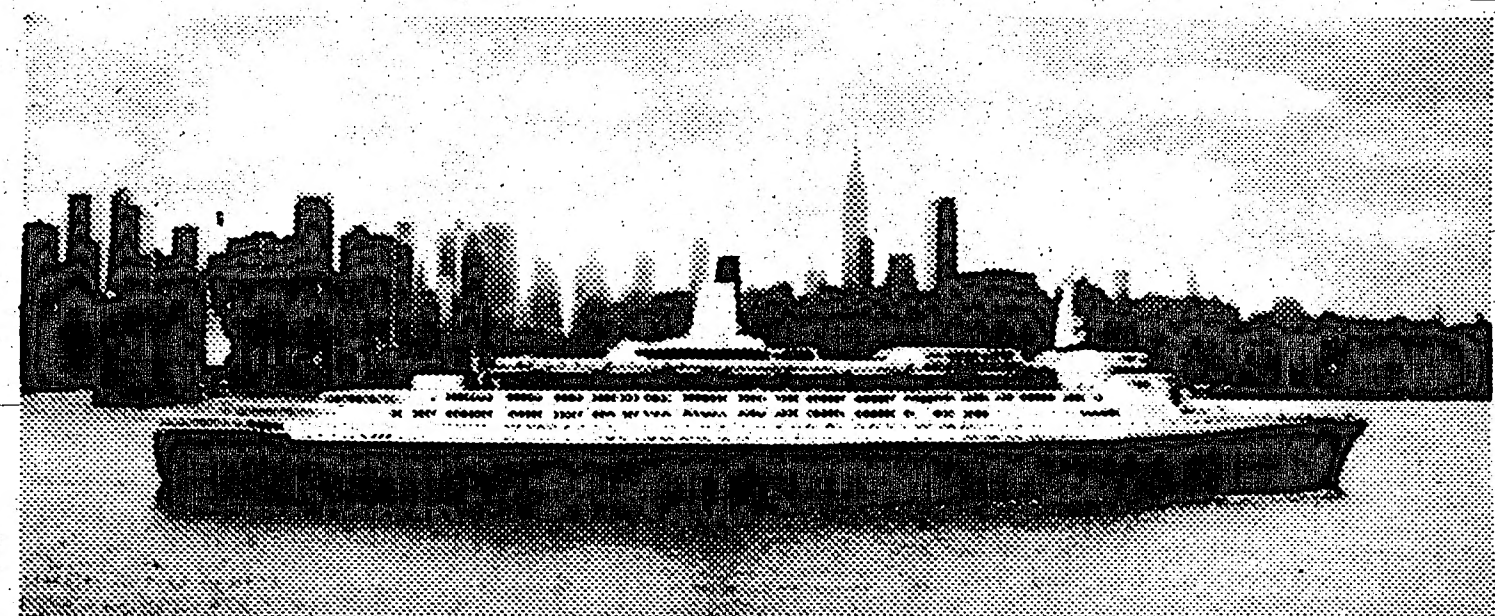
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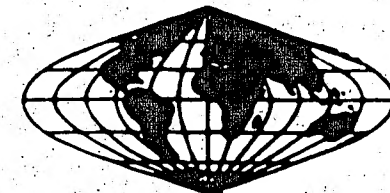
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dians, said the CIC is slow to react to events. As an example, he cited CIC's dilatory response to an ad placed in The Toronto Star by the Iraqi government recently.

ADL says U.S. firms support boycott

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boycott agents on American soil and of American corporations and their executives, through their affiliation with the chambers, serving as tools of the Arabs in enforcing the boycott in violation of American policy."

He asserted Arab boycott operations in the U.S. persist despite presidential admonitions and Justice Department anti-trust litigation, Commerce and State Department refusal to distribute Arab business offers containing boycott provisions, and the U.S. Export Administration Act which declares that boycott against nations friendly to the U.S. is in violation of national policy.

The League official further stressed that the Federal Reserve Board has denounced participation by banks in boycotts against friendly foreign nations as "a misuse of the privileges and benefits conferred upon banking institutions." The Federal Reserve Board, he declared, has also stated that issuance of letters of credit containing boycott conditions "may constitute a direct violation of the federal anti-trust laws or of applicable state anti-boycott laws."

they'll be characterized as such. But one thing certainly doesn't help the propaganda battle and those are statements like Mr. Goody's.

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Speaking from his Montreal law office, Pollack added that Goody's remarks were a reflection of "his own activity or inactivity, which is a commendable confession to have made in public."

He said his comments should have been voiced in the inner councils of CIC rather than publicized.

Pollack said the form of Goody's observations "leads one to believe that his criticism is not entirely

intended to be constructive."

The ZOC deputy president also criticized Israel's absorption procedures for new immigrants. Noting that most of the "obstacles" for an immigrant's smooth absorption lie in Israel rather than abroad, Goody spoke of "promises that weren't kept" regarding employment opportunities and housing.

Goody said Israel's inefficient handling of olim "will have to disappear" if there is to be aliyah from the West. He added that the survival of Israel would be "heavily strained" if aliyah dried up.

He asserted it is high time for Jews to stop preaching to the "converted" — fellow Jews — and to make an attempt to reach non-Jews on the question of Israel.

Dr. Sydney Wax, national president of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, and Louis Silver, president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization, Toronto branch, were the other speakers who discussed "The New Zionism."

Dr. Wax expressed sorrow that Zionism is growing "tired, old and somewhat senile." He said leadership must turn to the mass of uncommitted Jews — mainly the young and those in universities — to save Zionism from atrophy.

He made a distinction between "Zionists" and "supporters" of Zionism, saying that the giving of money to Israel through the various fund-raising organizations did not necessarily mean one was a Zionist.

Asked to elaborate, Dr. Wax said in a telephone interview that "collectors, buyers and inscribers" did not really represent the essence of Zionism. "They're valuable, but the simple act of giving and inscribing is not a confirmation of Zionism," he observed.

Zionists, said Dr. Wax, are those who take one step beyond material aid to the Jewish state, those who are aware of the substance and philosophy of Zionism, those who are personally committed to it spiritually, ideologically and in terms of learned knowledge.

Asked how many Jews in Toronto there were who fitted his definition of a Zionist, Dr. Wax, a vice-president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, said "not a hell of a lot, that's the problem."

Dr. Wax said he disagreed with David Ben Gurion's dictum that a Jew can only be a Zionist if he goes on aliyah. He said the former Israeli prime minister's remarks were a "misstatement."

(Replying to Dr. Wax, Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, said he was "half right and half wrong." Givens conceded it wasn't enough to contribute and inscribe. But he stressed it was the material organizations that were drawing new members, not the philosophical thinkers. Givens described Dr. Wax's ruminations as "an intellectual exercise that has been going on for years.")

Silver attacked practical Zionists for their timidity in the years before Israeli statehood, and urged the creation of a Council of Jewish People, which would make decisions on the welfare of Jews in Israel and around the world.

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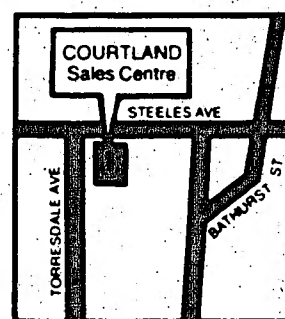


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practical distinction can be made between "terrorist" and "non-terrorist" members of the Palestinian group. MacEachen gave no specific delineation of the government's approach to the entrance of PLO delegates to the Habitat conference in Vancouver this June.

The CIC presentation also commended the minister for his categorical condemnation of the PLO's terrorist objectives, as he enunciated in his speech in early March before a gathering at Beth Tzedec Congregation. "No other government has done that," said Bick, regarding MacEachen's position on the Palestinians.

The brief also endorsed

the government's efforts in building a joint economic network with Israel and fostering bilateral trade.

Members of the CIC delegation also included: Aaron Pollack, CIC national chairman; Anne

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Arts

Reich's melodies weak, rhythm dramatic

music

By RICK KARDONNE

All of the music of Steve Reich, one of today's most significant serious contemporary composers, adheres to the same principle: the predetermined interaction of musical geometric forms

sustained through the constant repetition of short broken chords or percussive patterns.

This is tightly structured stuff, in sharp contrast to the anarchy stereotype that avant-garde music has nowadays. So structured, in fact, that the creative force of spontaneity must constantly struggle in order to avoid static boredom.

In his Feb. 28 afternoon concert at Toronto's Edward Johnson Building

Walter Hall (as part of the New Music Concerts series), Steve Reich completely succeeded in maintaining an effective balance between this tight original structure and dramatic excitement in his purely rhythm compositions.

His melodic pieces did not fare as well, however, because they were both limited by only two chords (and, for the most part, one).

The best work in the program was his *Music*

for *Pieces of Wood*, in which five performers (including himself) beat cylindrical pieces of hard wood against each other in synopacted rhythm; each performer beating wood that was pitched at different keys.

Based on three sections of decreasing rhythm pattern length within a total comprehensive system, this piece allowed for escalating dramatic excitement to an instantly infectious jazz-rock beat.

Almost as memorable was his *Clapping Music*, in which Reich and Russell Hartenburger clapped their hands to a fast pace, synchronized in such a way that one performer repeated a basic pattern throughout while the second, after a number of repeats in unison, changed to the same pattern with its downbeat shifted over one

beat. It was a subtle counterpoint yet extremely effective.

The two Steve Reich melodic pieces, while utilizing the same principles of subtle changes through repeating short patterns, would have been far more effective if they had not been constricted to one or two chords.

Reich is undoubtedly heavily influenced by Balinese music (which, like Indian music, relies essentially on one tonic chord); but still, he could have made his highly interesting instrumental and vocal combinations that much more distinct had he incorporated more harmonic variety that would have accentuated the subtle evolutionary changes in his basic patterns.

After all, the best creativity utilizes the

principle of eclecticism, not studied imitation of other styles, no matter how seemingly attractive.

Temple Sinai troupe sets sharply-timed pace in 'The Fifth Season'

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

For the past 15 years, Stage 210, the theatre group from Temple Sinai, has been presenting plays, and if the recent production of the comedy, *The Fifth Season* is any indication of the group's work, then it must have been 15 years of success.

The play concerned two partners in the clothing business. Max was sweet, philosophical and a worrier. Johnny was brash, flashy, and a spender. Together they were bankrupt, until a rich buyer, Miles Lewis, entered their lives.

The two partners went all out to get Lewis' business. But it was the pretty models that got the business for the firm, not all the planning by the partners. You see, Lewis was a bit of a lecher.

The company naturally prospered, but problems arose, and are neatly ironed out by the end of the play. The setting was New York, the garment district, an area rife with humor, and so was the play.

The acting company was good, and worked well under Marc Stone's direction. It was well paced and sharply timed. Rube Super gave a touching performance as Max. His easy-going delivery and manner were reminiscent of Lou Jacoby. The result was very effective.

Mark Cohen as Johnny was a perfect foil. As easy-going as Super was, that was how energetic and hyper-active Cohen was. His dark good looks and commanding presence made the character totally credible.

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Morris Nusyna, with his flashy smile, gave some nice touches to the rich but lecherous Miles Lewis.

The only problem with the production was the set. It was very confusing. One wasn't sure if the door at the front of it was the front door of the office or not. All entrances of characters were made through it, but not all exits were. Characters would come in the front door, make an exit into

the wings, then come on stage again through the front door. Very confusing.

Also, it would have helped if there was a simple partition showing that the main office and the models' changeroom were not one and the same room. Three steps don't indicate a separation; a curtain of some sort would have clarified matters. Aside from this slight technical problem, it was a good effort.

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